

Two die in tragic well accident during joint security patrol in Ogwashi-Uku

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The **Delta State** Police Command has dismissed rumours surrounding the death of two persons during a joint patrol operation in Ogwashi-Uku, insisting that no shooting occurred during the incident.

The Command, in a statement signed by the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Bright Edafe, said the tragic incident happened on Wednesday, May 14, 2026, along the Delta State Polytechnic, Ogwashi-Uku Road near Mega Chis during a joint patrol involving police operatives and personnel of the Nigeria Forest Security Service.

According to the statement, the patrol team sighted two men identified as Adama Augustine and another individual, who reportedly fled on noticing the security operatives.

This prompted a chase by forest security personnel attached to the patrol team.



The police spokesman explained that while attempting to evade arrest, Adama Augustine allegedly jumped into an uncompleted building.

He said a forest officer who continued the pursuit reportedly fell alongside him into an abandoned open well within the building premises, leading to the death of both men.

The victims were said to have been rescued and rushed to Ogwashi General Hospital where doctors confirmed them dead.

Edafe said their remains have since been deposited at the hospital morgue pending autopsy.

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The Command's spokesman described the incident as painful and tragic, extending condolences to the family of the deceased forest officer, identified as Eze Ifeanyi, as well as the family of Adama Augustine.

"The Command wants to make it very clear that no shooting took place and nobody was killed by the police," the statement added, noting that investigations into the incident had commenced while urging residents to remain calm and disregard rumours.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, Delta State Command, CP Yemi Oyeniyi, has reiterated the importance of inter-agency collaboration in tackling insecurity across the state.

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The CP spoke yesterday while receiving the Area Controller of the Nigeria Customs Service, Edo/Delta Command, Controller Judith Kanu, during a courtesy visit to the Command Headquarters in Asaba.

According to the police, the meeting focused on strengthening operational synergy between the Nigeria Police Force and the Nigeria Customs Service through intelligence sharing, coordinated operations and effective law enforcement in Delta and Edo states.

Controller Kanu said closer collaboration among security agencies would enhance operational efficiency and send a strong message to criminal elements that law enforcement agencies remain united in combating crime and other unlawful activities.

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Responding, CP Oyeniyi appreciated the Customs boss and her delegation for the visit, stressing that cooperation between the police and Customs was critical to public safety and national security.

The meeting, the CP added, further highlighted the commitment of both agencies to proactive policing, institutional partnership and improved security coordination across the state.