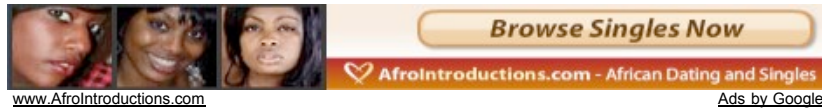


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**Nigeria: Drug War - Mob Kills NDLEA Officer**

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A mob attack has killed an officer of National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) at Owo town in Ondo State, The officer, Abdullahi Yerima Idris, an Assistant Superintendent of Narcotics was killed during a joint patrol raid involving the police and NDLEA officials. The death of the officer brought to 31 the number of officers and men of NDLEA that lost their lives while fighting drug traffickers.

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Daily Champion gathered that the raid operation also led to the seizure of 2,300kg of cannabis and two arrests of drug suspects. The late officer who was said to have sustained a fracture during the drug operation died in a hospital where he was receiving treatment. His death brings the number of officers that have died this year to 31.

Chairman of the NDLEA, Ahmadu Giade, who was irked by the sad development vowed to fight back, stressing that drug barons would have no hiding place in the country. The NDLEA boss who described the death of the

officer as painful noted that those responsible for the attack shall be brought to book. "The death of my officer is painful, but those that perpetrated the heinous act must be brought to book. Drug barons and their cohorts shall know no peace" Giade promised.

NDLEA Commander in Ondo State, Mr. Walter Nicholas said that five Police officers and an operative of they NDLEA sustained gunshots during the attack. He noted that the injured personnel were immediately rushed to the hospital for intensive care. "In all, five police officers and one NDLEA officer sustained gunshots during the attack. They were immediately rushed to the hospital for intensive care, and most of them recovered except Abdullahi, the Superintendent of Narcotics, who we lost. It is very sad but we are not giving up" Walter stated.

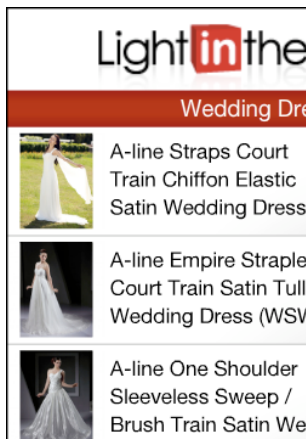
Abdullahi was born on March 27 1969 in his home town, Potiskum, Yobe State. He attended Kara Primary School between 1975 and 1981 before proceeding to Government Commercial Secondary School Nguru, Yobe State where he graduated in 1986. Late Abdullahi also obtained a National Diploma in Business Administration from Ramat Polytechnic Maiduguri. Before he enlisted into the NDLEA in 1994, he worked briefly with the Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, Department of National and Civic Registration, Maiduguri. He is survived by a pregnant wife.

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