

Customs kills smuggler in Jigawa

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Men of the Nigeria Customs Service have shot a suspected smuggler to death in the Nigeria/Niger border town of Babura in Jigawa State. Another suspect escaped with a gunshot injury.

Daily Trust learnt from witnesses that the deceased, Umaru Babban-Mutum, was killed by the customs officials after an altercation that ensued between them.

Late Baban-Mutum has since been buried while the injured was referred to Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital in Kano.

The deceased, who was killed at around 9pm, attracted the sympathy of people considering the manner he was killed.

The people of his community took to the streets in a protest which turned violent, leading to the burning of three vehicles belonging to the customs service.

The chairman of Babura Local Government Area, Mohammed Ibrahim Zaki, said those who embarked on the protest were people from

Babban-Mutum in Baure LGA of Katsina State and that the customs officer behind the shooting had been arrested.

Contacted, the state customs command spokesperson, Isa Danbaba, confirmed the incident, adding that it was under investigation.