

1 killed, 2 injured as Customs, youths clash in Jibia

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One person died just as two others sustained injuries when men of the Nigeria Customs Service and youths clashed in Jibia town of Katsina State.

The incident which occurred in the early hours of Tuesday was as a result of a raid on a warehouse storing second-hand clothing, it was gathered.

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Witnesses said Customs operatives under the National Border Drill Operation, around 1am broke into some shops and carted away items, a development which did not go down well with the locals who later mobilised and attacked.

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Speaking on the incident, the national officer in charge of Sector 4 of the drill, Abubakar Bashir, said his men, based on intelligence report decided to evacuate the warehouse “believed to be storing contraband items”.

He added that during the operation which lasted till 3am, some youths mobilised themselves and confronted his men, which led to the clash.

“We were able to recover 235 bales of clothing during the operation but we could not carry all away due to the attack,” he said.

He urged people of the state to understand the dangers of smuggling, adding that the act is dangerous to the nation’s economy.