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One killed as Customs officers, smugglers clash

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Some hoodlums suspected to be smugglers have reportedly abducted an officer of the Nigerian Customs Service, A.K Usman at Oja Odan in Yewa South Local Government area of Ogun State.

The incident, which

happened during a clash between men of the NCS, Ogun Area Command I and smugglers, also led to death of a middle-aged man, Atanda Idowu Moses, after sustaining gunshot injury.

Daily Trust gathered that Moses and one other were working in their workshop

when they were hit by stray bullets.

However, the Spokesman of Customs Area Command I, Hameed Oloyede told *Daily Trust* yesterday that Moses died from a gunshot allegedly fired by the smugglers during the clash.

He said operatives of the

command had intercepted 18 bags of smuggled rice at Oja Odan, but on their way back, the hoodlums laid an ambush and attacked the officers.

During the clash, the spokesman said Usman, an Assistant Superintendent of Customs II, was abducted, beaten to stupor, while the

magazine of his rifle loaded with 19 rounds of ammunition was later found empty and damaged.

He, however, said the officer was later rescued by the Police.

He said a suspect arrested in connection to the mayhem, had been detained for further investigation.

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