

Army officer, 2 others killed as smugglers, customs clash in Oyo

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Three people including a Lieutenant in the Nigerian Army, Josiah Peter, were reportedly killed during a clash between the men of Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) and some smugglers in Igbo-Ora town, Oyo State yesterday.

Daily Trust on Sunday gathered that the clash was between Customs personnel from Federal Operations Unit (FOU) Zone A and smugglers in Igbo-Ora, a town in Oyo State.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, Olugbemiga Fadeyi, who confirmed the death of the officer, was however silence on the other two victims of the clash.

"Information further received revealed that smugglers attacked Federal Operation Unit, FOU Customs at Igbo-Ora.

"In a swift response to assist the FOU team, the Border Drill Patrol also came under attack and one Lieutenant of Nigerian Army Josiah Peter was shot and later died.

"Investigation has commenced, please," he said.

Also, the Public Relations Officer of NCS Oyo/Osun command, Kayode Wey, confirmed the development but did not give details of what really happened.

A resident of Igbo-Ora had earlier told our correspondent that there were sporadic gun shots, adding that three persons, one of whom was his neighbour, a customs officer and a soldier died.