

Smugglers kill customs officer in Ogun

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Suspected smugglers killed a customs officer on Saturday night at Owode in Yewa South Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The officer was a driver with the Federal Operations Unit

Zone A of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS).

He was killed during an operation in which two vehicles loaded with foreign rice were seized and taken to Lagos state by the customs. The spokesman of FOU Zone A, Lagos, Theophilus Duniya, confirmed the incident

to our correspondent on Sunday, but he was silent on the name of the officer.

Duniya said the operatives had made some seizures and in the course of moving them, one of the vehicles developed mechanical problems and was being fixed when the smugglers

mobilised themselves with arms, charms and stones to murder the officer.

He said the acting Comptroller of FOU Zone A, Hussein Ejibumu, condemned the killing and reiterated his resolve to suppress smuggling and arrest the murderers.



■ Strike Force Coordinator, Deputy Comptroller Olorukoba Oseni Aliyu lead other officers to exhibit contraband goods seized along Adamawa/Taraba axis

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