

# Gunmen Shoot Two Customs Men At Checkpoint

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Two men identified as Customs officials were at the weekend allegedly shot by two gunmen at a checkpoint along Idi-Iroko road.

A top police officer attached to the Same unit of the Joint Border Patrol (JBP) team who disclosed this to the *Daily Independent* in a telephone interview added that the gunmen are yet

to be arrested.

The source added that the victims were rushed to the hospital, "but one died on the way and the second person we can't tell if he would survive it."

The source added that the shooting took place at a checkpoint usually manned by men and officers of the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) to check activities of smugglers and other trans-border vices along the road.

It was learnt that the incident happened at about 8.00p.m.

"I and my men were just returning from Abeokuta where we went on special duty. In shot we went to recover stolen vehicles on the order of the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mike Okiro, when we got to the checkpoint and saw sympathisers watching at the two men in the pull of their own blood."

The source stressed that details of what happened before

the shooting were still unclear at the time of speaking to our correspondent but added that the two victims were taken away to the hospital by officials of Customs Department from Idi-Iroko after they have been informed of the tragic incident later that night.

Effort to reach the Customs for comment was not successful as the GSM number of the organisation's spokesperson was allegedly switched off.

But a senior police officer at Idi-Iroko Area Command of Ogun State Police Command, who would not want his name in print, confirmed the incident.