

One killed as Customs boss escapes lynching in Ogun

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AJILETE, Oke-Odan and Owode in Yewa South Local Government area of Ogun State went up in flames literally on Wednesday following the alleged killing of an indigene by the Customs Comptroller in the state, Ade Dosunmu.

Consequent upon the killing, some youths in the area have threatened a reprisal on the Customs officers in the area as well as declared the state's Customs Area Comptroller, a persona non grata, alleging he willfully shot one of them identified as Seun death.

According to an eye-witness account, the incident occurred on Saturday when the

Comptroller was on his way to Lagos from the Idiroko border town area office and he allegedly stopped in the midst of the road and fired shots at Seun and others, claiming that they were assassins trailing him.

It was however gathered that the comptroller was alone in his car but sensed that he was being trailed by some people which prompted him to call for reinforcement.

The Customs boss was waylaid when he got to Owode as his car was suddenly blocked by a Jeep and a Nissan car

which was said to have appeared from the bush and subsequently caused a serious stir but, the Customs boss was reportedly able to manouver himself out of the situation after allegedly killing one man identified as Seun.

It was further gathered that, there was sporadic shooting by customs officers who reportedly got to the scene shortly after their boss was waylaid and scared away the suspected smugglers.

But, when contacted, the State Customs Public Relations Officer, Chris Ngige, said there was an attempt on the life of their boss which he said

was later foiled.

According to him, the vehicles used by the smugglers have been seized and the matter taken over by the police.

He said the Customs boss had visited the traditional rulers in the area where he solicited the support of the monarchs and their people in waging war against smuggling.

When the State Police Public Relations Officer, Muiyiwa Adejobi, was contacted he said the command was yet to be briefed about the matter contrary to the claim that, the police had taken over the issue.