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Policeman kills Customs officer at Tin Can Port

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PORT operations at the Tin Can Island Container Terminal (TICT) was on Thursday grounded for several hours following the killing of a Customs officer by a mobile police officer.

The Customs officer was assigned from the Federal Operations Unit (FOU) of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) to escort containers from the port.

The police officer, identified as Sergeant Peter Adegbesan, was said to have left his gun unchecked, when it fell from his hand and started firing.

He was posted to guard the Tin Can Island Container Terminal.

Adegbesan was said to have attempted to control the rattle as he lifted it only for the Customs officer (Assistant Inspector, O.A. Oro) to be hit severally by discharging bullets from the weapon.

An eyewitness account disclosed that the officer died before he could be rushed to the hospital.

In reaction to the incident, clearing agents, who were present at the scene, descended on the police officer.

The eyewitness further said that but for the intervention of dock workers from the terminal, the killer cop would have been beaten to death.

Confirming the incident, Public Relations Officer of Tin-Can Island Command of the NCS, Chris Osunkwo, who described the incident as unfortunate, said that the police officer has been placed under protective custody at the Apapa Port Police Command.

Osunkwo told our correspondent that the officer who was posted there from the Mobile Squadron 22, Unit 209, Ikeja, came from the Sokoto Command of the force.

When *Daily Independent* visited the Tin Can Island Command of the Service, a senior police officer confided that the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of the ports, in the company of other senior officers, has already paid a condolence visit on the Customs Area Controller (CAC), Zakari Jibril.

Ondo dissociates self from Sango festival

THE Ondo State government has dissociated itself from the planned World Sango Festival 2013 currently being publicised in national newspapers.

Organisers of the festival had in the programme of event published in a national dailies on Thursday allocated the 8th day of the 10 days event to Ondo State, with the state's governor, Olusegun Mimiko, announced as the Distinguished Guest of Honour.

Distancing the government from the festival, the State's Commissioner for Information, Kayode Akinmade, said neither the state government nor Mimiko are part of the

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