

# Tragedy: Customs Officer Drowns While Combating Smugglers



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**LAGOS** – The Western Marine Command (WMC) of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has confirmed the death in active service of Assistant Inspector of Customs (AIC), Aliyu A.A., who passed on following a boat mishap while trying to intercept a boat suspected to be carrying smuggled items.

Public Relations Officer of the command, Suleiman Isah, an Assistant Superintendent of Customs (ASC) 1, confirmed the incident.

He stated that the deceased was a part of the Akere surveillance monitoring team under Idiroko out-station.

He added that the officer with official patrol boat with registration number CPM 191 was acting on credible information along

Vawhe-Isalu creeks when the accident occurred.

Isah said, “The body of the deceased was found underneath the river with the assistance of villagers around the axis.

“The body was taken to General Hospital, Badagry, and later deposited at the mortuary, having been certified dead by the doctor on call.

“The corpse was transported by air on-board MAX air airline to Kano on March 23, 2021 on the request of the family of the deceased.

“AIC Aliyu A.A. hailed from Funtua Local Government Area of Katsina State. He was born on July 10, 1987. He joined the Nigeria Customs Service on October 17, 2013 as Customs Assistant II (CAII) and got promoted to the rank of AIC on January 1, 2019.

AIC Aliyu AA died on March 22 2021 while on active service and buried on 24 March 2021 in his hometown Funtua Area of Katsina state by 1000hrs according to Islamic rites.

“At these trying times, the Customs Area Controller on behalf of the officers/men of the WMC commiserate with the family of the deceased and pray for the repose of his soul and also for God to grant the deceased eternal rest.”

