

# Gunmen Attack Customs Team In Enugu, Kill One, Injure Others

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Tragedy struck on Thursday when gunmen opened fire on a team of operatives of the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS), killing one officer and injuring others in the team.

The incident happened at Ozalla axis by Four Junction on Enugu-Port Harcourt expressway.

Timi Bomodi, the newly appointed National Public Relations Officer of NCS confirmed the incident in a statement made available to Sunday INDEPENDENT.

Bomodi, a Deputy Comptroller of Customs, said:

"The Nigeria Customs Service received the sad news of an incident, which occurred on Thursday February 10, 2022 at Ozalla community near Enugu by Four Corner Junction on Enugu-Port Harcourt expressway."

The statement disclosed that at about 1.30pm, "Our officers on mobile patrol, were descended upon by hoodlums who opened fire on them without provocation.

"In the fiery exchange that ensued, one of our officers succumbed to the

cold hands of death, while others sustained minor injuries.

"Members of the public will recall that a similar fate befell our officers on April 25, 2021 along the Port Harcourt-Owerri Road axis, an incident which claimed three officers."

The Customs warned that the trend of unprovoked attacks by faceless cowards, whose intention was to instil fear in the minds of law enforcement operatives, would not go unpunished, neither would it dampen the resolve of officers and men from carrying out their statutory functions.

"Our prayers go out to the family of the deceased officer whose sacrifice is deeply appreciated and held in high esteem. To those wounded, the Service promises to stand by them on their journey to recovery and the full restoration of health.

"We implore all well-meaning citizens to continue to support the efforts of the Nigeria Customs Service as we strive towards contributing our quota in building a robust economy sustained by free and fair trade under enabling laws," Bomodi said.