

Area commander of Nigerian Customs Service, Seme Command, Mohammed Aliyu (R), displaying some of the jerry cans of petrol seized from smugglers at the Owode area of Badagry in Lagos State on Monday. PHOTO: NAN

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police mobile unit by the Lagos State governor, Mr. A

Fire kills triplets, brother in Jigawa

A fire outbreak has killed triplets and their brother in Hadejia town, Jigawa, according to the spokesman of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps in the state, Mr Adamu Shehu.

Shehu told the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** on Monday that the fire was caused by a spark from an electric appliance.

He gave the names of the triplets as Hassan Sale, Hussain Sale and Muhsin Sale, and their elder brother, Aliyu Sale, all of the same family.

He said the incident oc-

curred on January 20 at about 10:45 p.m.

"On January 20, at about 10:45 p.m, there was a fire disaster at the residence of one Alhaji Sale Tela of

Tudun Tanda quarters in Hadejia town.

"The fire caused the death of triplets and their younger brother namely: Hassan Sale, Hussaini Sale, Muhsin Sale

aged 5 and Aliyu Sale aged 2.

"It also consumed property worth of thousands of Naira.

"The causative agent we suspect is an electric spark from a water boiler," the

spokesman said.

He advised the public to exercise caution while handling electrical appliances, particularly during the Harmattan so as to forestall fire outbreaks.

Customs intercept 55,000 litres of fuel at borders

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THE Seme Border Command of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has said that it has intercepted a total of 55,000 litres of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), popularly known as petrol, smuggled in 2,200 pieces of 25-litre jerry cans, between

December 1, 2017 till date, at Pashi-Yekeme community in Owode and its surrounding creeks.

The Customs Area Controller (CAC) in charge of the command, Aliyu Mohammed, who disclosed this in a statement, made available to newsmen on Sunday, put the Duty Paid Value (DPV) of the

seized product at over N10 million.

Mohammed, who noted that the smuggling of petroleum products in jerry cans had been a recurring decimal that Customs operatives always intercepted, added that it had been the command's modest contribution to ameliorating the suffering of Nigerian masses over the current shortage of petrol in the country.

According to the Controller, "the operational norms of the Seme border of the Nigeria Customs Service does not allow trucks or tankers of petroleum products to cross the Nigerian territory, either through the Seme main border or its

to escort all loaded income trucks to ensure strict compliance in discharging products to the border communities. Our surveillance becomes inevitable because Nigerians, who reside along the borders, have the right to be served with these products for their local economic activities, once the appropriate structures in the community and the documents for the products are verified and approved to them by DPR.

"However, the Seme border command keeps patrolling the border to ensure that the products discharged are sold to individuals who do not attempt smuggling it out

NSCDC declares man wanted over alleged defilement of 13-year-old girl in Nasarawa

THE Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Nasarawa State has declared wanted a middle-aged man, Haruna Abdulkadir, from Daddare, Obi Local Government

area and in the process, an altercation ensued between them and friends of the suspect.

"Friends of the suspects inflicted bodily harm on the relatives of the victims

prehended and brought to justice in order to serve as deterrent to others.

The commandant also presented to newsmen 12 suspects arrested for various offences includ-