Customs, smugglers' clash claims one in Ogun

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OPERATIVES of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), have during a gun duel allegedly killed a suspected smuggler identified as Abdulrosheed Dada,

Nigerian Tribune also learnt that two others were injured in the clash, in an encounter that happened with the NCS operatives on Ayetoro road, near Abeokuta, on Saturday.

The NCS operatives were said to have intercepted some bags of foreign rice smuggled into the country through the Republic of Benin into Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital.

The smugglers were reported to have engaged the Customs operatives when they attempted to seize the contraband goods.

The victim was said to have been called by his colleagues to the scene of the incident, before the incident occurred.

"Abdulrosheed had gone to Abeokuta for a party from friends, whose goods had been intercepted by customs officers.

But, the spokesman for the Ogun Area 1 command of the NCS, Ahmed Oloyede, said the he had not been briefed about the incident.