

# Suspected smuggler kills Customs officer

THE Nigeria Customs Service, Federal Operations Unit, Zone B, has announced the death of an Inspector of Customs (IC), Hamza Abdullahi-Elenwo.

The incident was said to have occurred on Friday during a stop-and-search operation at Achilafia along the Daura-Kano road.

The details were contained in a statement issued by SP Isah Sulaiman, the Public Relations Officer for the Federal Operations Unit, Zone B, Kaduna.

According to him, a suspect has been detained while Comptroller Ahmadu Shuaibu vowed to ensure justice for the slain officer.

Sulaiman said, "The incident happened when a vehicle, suspected of being smuggled into the country, hit the operative while the driver attempted to evade arrest.

"The late officer was

rushed to General Hospital, Kazaure and later transferred to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Katsina, where he was pronounced dead by the doctor on duty."

Inspector Hamza, an indigene of Port Harcourt, Rivers State, was born on April 15, 1985.

"He joined the Nigeria Customs Service as Customs Assistant III (CAIII) in the Transport and Logistics Unit on October 17, 2013, and was promoted to the rank of Inspector of Customs (IC) in 2022.

"He is survived by his wife and two children and his remains have been laid to rest in Katsina according to Islamic rites.

"Shuaibu, on behalf of the entire officers and men of the unit, extended his heartfelt condolences to the deceased's family and prayed for his eternal rest.