

Gunmen attack Customs Base, kill one, abduct another

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THE Nigeria Customs Service Base in Koko-Basse Town in Kebbi State last weekend came under attack by unknown gunmen during which one person was killed, and another officer abducted.

In a press statement, the public relations officer of the command, Salisu Suleiman Muhammad, announced the sad incident on Monday.

He said, "A group of armed men attacked the patrol base, destroying properties and targeting officers.

"The armed men, after causing mayhem to the patrol base, trailed and attacked two of our officers; shot one and abducted the other.

"Unfortunately, Assistant Superintendent Customs I Dabo Umar lost his life, while Superintendent of Customs Babagana Abba Kabiru was abducted and is still in the hands of his abductors."

The deceased officer's

corpse, according to him, was retrieved and conveyed to Kaduna his home state for burial according to Islamic rites.

The Customs image maker stated that a manhunt had been launched for the killers and abductors of the officer, adding that the Customs Area Controller (CAC) Iheanacho Ernest Ojike, had commiserated with the family of the deceased and prayed for the release of the abducted officer.

"We will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the affected officer and the deceased.

"It is pertinent to state that this unfortunate incident will not deter officers and men of NCS Kebbi Area Command, in collaboration with other customs units and agencies of government, from performing our statutory functions in the best interest of Nigerians," he added.