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Two die as smugglers, customs' vehicles collide in

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By OUR CORRESPONDENT Tuesday, 22 Jun 2010

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Two passengers die on the spot on Monday evening in Ijoga Orile, Yewa North Local Government of Ogun State, when a Toyota car, which was allegedly being smuggled into the country, collided with a patrol van of the Federal Operations Unit of the Nigeria Customs Service.

The casualties were even as one of the smugglers died, while the informant to the men of the NCS, popularly known as Cow Boy, who, according to report was hanging on the patrol van, equally died on the spot.

Our correspondent gathered that the smugglers, four of them in the car, had successfully entered the country through one of the numerous smuggling routes in the Imeko/Afon Local Government.

Though, it was difficult to know the final destination of the suspected smugglers, a source told our correspondent that the smugglers were heading towards Ijoga Orile when the collision occurred.

The source said, "The smugglers were coming from Imeko area and the Customs men had been told that the boys were on their way to ljoga Orile; so, the Customs men decided to block the road with their patrol van, thinking that the smugglers would be forced to stop."

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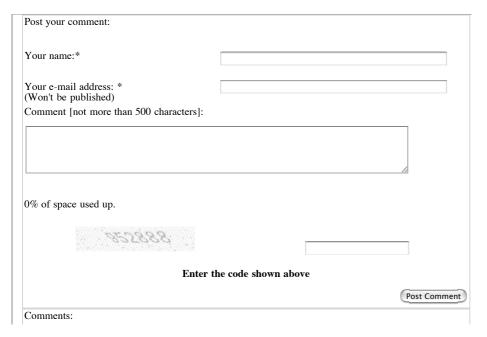
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