

# Smugglers kill Customs operatives

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The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has expressed its anger over the killing of its anti-smuggling operatives, Chief Superintendent of Customs Maidama Yabo and Assistant Superintendent of Customs I Babandi Nuraddeen Shaba who was allegedly gunned down by suspected smugglers at Dogon Hawa, in Katsina State.

A statement by the Customs Public Relations Officer, Joseph Attah, said while investigation is on-going to ascertain the motive behind the killing and carting away of one AK 47 riffle with its magazine loaded with ammunition, helmet, bullet proof vest and service shoes.

The statement said: “NCS Management during its 13th regular meeting for the year held at its headquarters on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 expressed deep sense of sorrow over the loss of the two officers known for their dedication to the course of fighting smugglers.

“In an emotion laden voice, the Comptroller-General of Customs, Col. Hameed Ibrahim Ali (rtd) bemoaned the fallen colleagues praying the Almighty Allah grant them eternal rest.”

The statement further said that NCS laments the inclination of smugglers and other criminal elements that are quick to inflict violence on anti-smuggling operatives who are carrying out their statutory functions.

It added that the agency has therefore warned that henceforth, anti-smuggling operatives will not hesitate to use appropriate force to defend themselves while enforcing the extant laws governing imports and exports in Nigeria.

The agency further resolved to appropriately reward the officers posthumously and to see the great loss as a push to go even harder on smugglers.