

## NEWS

# Smugglers kill another Customs officer

**D**IE-HARD smugglers have again killed a Customs officer while two other officers sustained serious injuries on Thursday at Idiroko border, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) has reported.

Ade Olafusi, an Assistant Superintendent of Customs with Customs Federal Operations was crushed to death by a smuggler's vehicle trying to force its way through a Customs post at Ajilete near the border.

Olafusi was the second Customs officer to be killed at Idiroko border within one week after another officer was on October 25 shot dead in an accidental discharge during a scuffle between Customs men and smugglers.

The Customs Area Comptroller, Alhaji Sahabi Sadiq, said in Idiroko border that the dare-devil smugglers arrived at the Customs checkpoint in Ajilete in a convoy of vehicles loaded with frozen chicken and armed with dangerous weapons.

The Customs boss said that when his men stopped the convoy, one of the vehicles, an ash-coloured Mazda 323 with registration number DS 616 LSD, suddenly sped off and ran over the Customs officers in an attempt to escape. One of the affected officers died instantly while two others were seriously injured.

The body of the dead officer has been deposited in a mortuary at Idiroko General Hospital where those injured were hospitalised, Sadiq said.

According to the Customs comptroller, the driver of the Mazda car that killed the officer was promptly arrested and detained with the car at Owode Police Station.

## Ex-Bayelsa commissioner killed in road crash

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**F**ORMER Bayelsa State Commissioner for Sports, Elder Bethel Amabebe, was, Friday night, killed in an auto-crash along the Amassoma road in the Southern Ijaw local government area of the state.

*Sunday Vanguard* gathered that the deceased, an All Nigerian Peoples Party, ANPP governorship aspirant in 2007 polls, was

coming from Angiama when he met his tragic end.

Sources said one of the tyres of the vehicle in which the deceased was travelling pulled off while on speed causing him to lose control and ran into a ditch.

He was a member of the ANPP until after 2007 when he decamped to the Peoples Democratic Party and was appointed as commissioner for sports in what was described as Government of Unity.

The late Amabebe later adopted Governor Timipre Salisu as

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