

One dead, another missing as smugglers attack Customs in Ogun

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ABEOKUTA — SUSPECTED smugglers yesterday allegedly killed an officer of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), at Fagbohun village around Idogo/Ipaja in Yewa South local government area of Ogun State, while another operative of the NCS was declared missing.

It was gathered that the

incident occurred when operatives from the Federal Operating Unit (FOU), stormed the village to carry out an operation.

The smugglers on sighting the NCS officials opened fire on them, while two officers were reported missing after the melee.

A lifeless body of one of the officers was said to have been found inside a river near Ajegun Iyaloosa village.

Confirming the incident, the Public Relations Officer of the FOU in Zone A, Theophilus Duniya, said some suspects have been arrested.

Duniya said "The attacked officers are from FOU. One is confirmed dead, while the other one is still missing.

"It happened Tuesday afternoon. They were on patrol when they were attacked. It was an unprovoked attack that ended

the life of one and the other one is still missing.

"The one that was found dead, his rifle was missing; but we can't say for the other one that is still missing until we get to the end of it. At the moment we have some suspects in our custody about that murder."

It was gathered that residents of the village have fled the community for fear of reprisal attacks.