

Fire service rescues man after third suicide attempt in Osun

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OSOGBO—A middle-aged man identified as Saheed Oladeji was yesterday, rescued after diving into the Osun River in what looks like a suicide attempt.

He was said to have dived into the river under the Gbodofon bridge along Osogbo-Gbongan road, around 9:30 am, which forced those working at an abattoir around the river to raise the alarm and also informed the fire service.

Operatives of the state fire service later rescued the man and handed him over to the Osun Ambulance Service personnel at the scene.

The man, who reportedly works at a car wash near the river, claimed that his wife and children were based in Lagos State and were said to have attempted suicide from the same spot for the third time.

While responding to questions from sympathisers, Saheed rejected offers to raise funds for him, saying he doesn't need it.

"I am working at the car wash around. I am married and my wife and children are in Lagos. I really don't know what came over me but I am okay now and don't need any money," he said.

Confirming the incident, Public Relations Officer of the state Fire Service, Ibrahim Adekunle, said the man had attempted suicide on two occasions and was rescued on those times.

"The man did not jump into the river, he was one of those that have access to

the river and has been diving in the river from the bank sides," he added.

Three persons attempted suicide inside the river within seven days, two died and one was rescued.

Smugglers kill Customs officer in Kwara.

Meanwhile, suspected smugglers have killed a senior officer attached with Joint Border Patrol Team (JBPT) Sector 3 of the Nigerian Customs Service along Sinau-Kenu Road in Baruten Local government area of Kwara State in a gun duel.

Also, three of the officers sustained

severe injuries in the clash and are presently receiving medical attention in the hospital.

This is contained in a statement in Ilorin, yesterday by the Public Relations Officer, Customs Command in the state, Chado Zakari on behalf of the JBPT.

The statement said the incident happened at Igboho in Oyo State on their way from Sinau-Kenu after the Border Patrol Team had successfully impounded the contraband goods from the smugglers but were intercepted while in transit by another team of smugglers who fired several gun shots at them thereby killing the officer and wounded three others.



RETURNEES: Another batch of 137 stranded Nigerians from Libya arriving country through Murtala Muhammed International Airport Cargo Wing, Ikeja, Lagos, yesterday. Photo: Lamidi Bamidele.