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Katsina border communities aiding smugglers – Customs

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The Nigerian Customs Service has warned border communities in Katsina State to stop jeopardising its anti-smuggling efforts by aiding smugglers.

Chief Superintendent of Customs, Malah Danja, said during a sensitisation programme at border communities in Jibia Local Government Area that smugglers use that route to avoid tax duties and bring illegal drugs into the country.

He said a Customs Community Relations Committee has been constituted to check the trend and foster good relationship with operatives in border communities.

District head of Daddara, Alhaji Usman Usman, urged people of the area to stop fighting government officials who are out to protect and safeguard the nation's borders.

He assured that the traditional institution would continue to assist customs authorities in the fight against smuggling.