

Customs Records N900m in 11 months, Says Area Controller

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in Sokoto

The Nigeria Customs Service, Sokoto/Kebbi/Zamfara Area Command, has revealed that it recorded over N 900 million as revenue from January 2014 to date.

Speaking with journalists in Sokoto yesterday, the Customs Area Controller (CAC), Mr. Ahmed Isyaku, said the amount was what the Command collected out of its projected revenue of N 1.4 billion for the 2014 fiscal year.

According to him, the Command was determined to meet the projected target and even exceed it.

He stated that the Command was also sensitising the traders, entrepreneurs and the people on the need to imbibe the habit of paying the specified duties on all goods.

According to him, such efforts were yielding positive results

as now the average monthly revenue collection had shored up to about N 107 million, as against the about N90 million to N 100 million he inherited from his predecessor.

Isyaku disclosed that the Command was partnering with the various border communities, religious and government officials in the area to ensure a hitch-free operation.

"We are also training and re-training our officers and men with a view to handling arms carefully and being more civil in discharging their duties," he said.

The Customs boss lauded the management of the service and for according priority to the welfare of the officers.

He however, solicited for the provision of additional logistics and personnel to ensure effective patrol of the border areas, describing the area command as very wide in terms of land mass, bordering Niger Republic and Benin.

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