

Customs generates N900m revenue in Sokoto, others

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SOKOTO—THE Nigeria Customs Service has generated over N900 million revenue from its operations under the Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara Area Command.

The Controller, Ahmed Isyaku, said that the amount was generated between January and November.

According to him, the command has devised other means to meet its 2014 revenue target of N1.4 billion.

"We are doing everything possible to meet the projected target and even exceed it, all in the national interest," he said.

He said part of the efforts to raise more revenue was the sensitisation of traders, entrepreneurs and the general public to imbibe the habit of paying duties on imported goods.

Isyaku said the efforts were paying off, as the average monthly revenue collection of the command has soared from N90 million to about N 107 million.

The controller further explained that the command was liaising with the various border communities, religious and government officials in the area to safeguard customs personnel in the area.

He said: "We are also routinely training and re-training our officers and men with a view to carefully handle arms, and to be more civil in discharging their duties."

He commended the management of the service for according priority to the welfare and comfort of staff.

Isyaku, however, urged the management to provide more

logistic support and personnel to the command to enable it discharge its duties more effectively, in view of the wide land mass it covers.

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