

JTF kills notorious armed robber

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It was judgment day for a notorious armed robber in Bayelsa recently when soldiers of the Joint Military Taskforce (JTF) shot him dead along Imgbi road, Yenagoa the state capital, just as another one was arrested.

Luck ran out of the armed bandit while attempting to rob a furniture making outfit, Royal Heroes situated along the popular street.

Witnesses told *Daily Champion* that the three-man gang stormed the premises of the Company about 12noon and ordered the staff to surrender all the valuables in their possession, threatening to gun them down, if they failed to cooperate.

While the operation was going on, the managing director of the company who spoke under condition of anonymity put a call through to one of his staff who was outside the premises as at the time of

the incident.

Members of the Joint Task Force were alerted, and they immediately swung into action, shooting one dead, capturing one alive while the remaining one escaped with the bullet wound.

The items recovered from the bandit are sub-machine gun, knives and unspecified amount of money. The witness also stated that the bandit came to the premises in a motorbike popularly known as okada.

The remains of the felled robber has been deposited at the mortuary of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Yenagoa.

It would be recalled that due to the increasing wave of armed robbery in the state, the governor, Chief Timipre Sylva through his chief press secretary placed a partial ban on the activities of the okada riders in the state.

The operation hour for the means of transportation is now between 6am-7pm daily.