



BADAGRY: ONE KILLED, MANY INJURED IN ARMY, CUSTOMS SHOOTOUT



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A yet to be identified villager was feared dead on Friday night as security operatives engaged themselves in a bloody shootout at a multiple check point at Gbaji area of Badagry, Lagos.

An unspecified number of persons, among who are liquor sellers operating close to the check point also sustained various degrees of wounds in the free-for-all fight which involved security personnel from the Nigerian Army, Custom, and Immigration.

Police investigations revealed that the gun duel began with a free for all fight among the uniformed men.

An eye witness said that trouble started when a notorious smuggler identified as Sunday Olu alias Sunny Olu Omo went round asking traders in the area to switch off their generating sets.

The witness alleged that Olu Omo told the confused traders that policemen from the State Anti Robbery Squad (SARS) were planning to raid the area.

This claimed was allegedly rebuffed by some plain cloth security men who were drinking in a bar close by. It took the intervention of the police from Owode Apa police post to bring the situation under control, Daily Trust learnt.

The deceased was taken to two separate hospitals for treatment but was serially rejected until he died on the way to the third.

The Customs Public Relations Officer, Seme, Border, Deputy Superintendent of Custom Ernest Olottah, while confirming the incident said the incident did not occur at their check point.

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