

Tension As SARS Guns Down JTF Officer In Bomadi

Tension heightened in Bomadi, headquarters of Bomadi Council Area of Delta State following the gunning down of Joint Military Task Force (JTF) Army officer by an officer of Nigeria Police, under the code name, Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) around 11 p.m. on Wednesday along NDDC Road, Bomadi.

A source said the SARS who are stationed at Kpakama Community were on their routine patrol enforcing the Delta State imposed curfew around the NDDC Road near the JTF Base in

Bomadi when they were confronted by the soldiers.

The source who plead anonymity said that hot argument ensued between the SARS and the JTF, added that within a twinkle of an eye, they heard several gunshots while residents around the area scampered for safety.

He said the confrontation led to exchange fire power between the JTF and the SARS, and a JTF operative lost his life when the dust settled.

The Commanding Offi-

cer, 222 Battalion, Major B.O. Ogidan, when contacted declined to comment on the issue.

Also, the Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, Onome Onayakpeya, could not be reached for comments at the time of filling in this report.

However, the Traditional Ruler of Kerebiri-Mein Kingdom, Godspower Oporomo, Taraeza 1, who spoke to newsmen on phone confirmed the incident in Bomadi town, and commended the prompt

action by the JTF boss at the 222 Battalion Agbarha-Otor and the Police Area Commander at Burutu to address the issue and prevent its escalation.

The monarch noted that the direct intervention of JTF boss and the Area Commander, Burutu, brought down tension especially for the people living within the troubled spot.

He urged the police and the JTF to do their investigation to unravel the cause of the incident.