

4 SS3 student shot dead in clash with rice smugglers in Badagry

A Senior Secondary School Student 3 student has been shot dead during a clash between security operatives of the Joint Border Patrol Team (JBPT) and suspected rice smugglers at Irosu village near Badagry on Saturday.

The ***News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*** gathered that Alade Oba (18), was hit by stray bullet and died on the spot during the clash with JBPT, comprising Customs, Army and Immigration.

NAN reports that the JBPT, which was established in the aftermath of the border closure of August 2019, is yet to be disbanded.

When contacted, Mr Abdulahi Hussiain, the Public Relations Officer, Seme Customs Area Command, confirmed the incident.

According to the PRO, the security operatives were at-

tacked by rice smugglers who were using bush paths in Irosu community.

"The officials of JPBT blocked the bush paths and apprehended some motorcycles being used for smuggling rice.

"The smugglers went to mobilise about 150 people to attack the officials of JBPT, throwing stones and using other weapons.

"It was when they made an attempt to burn one of the Hillux buses by the team that the officials were forced to shoot into the air to scare them away.

"It was during the shooting that a stray bullet hit one of the ring leaders.

"The allegation that the guy was coming from farm is a lie, he was among the smugglers and one of them," he said.