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1 killed, 3 injured in Port Harcourt shoot-out

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One person was shot dead and three others seriously wounded, following a shoot-out yesterday in Amadi Ama community near Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The deceased was among those initially rushed to a nearby hospital for medical attention.

The incident, which occurred at about 7:30pm, was in the same community where three youths were killed recently by gunmen.

As at press time, it could not be ascertained whether the attackers were on a revenge mission of the previous attack that claimed three lives.

It was gathered that the incident caused pandemonium in the area and some residents abandoned their houses out of fear.

A resident (name withheld, said she was at the Amadi Ama/Abuloma roundabout when she saw people running helter-skelter as the shooting increased.

She told Daily Sun that shortly after the attack, a police patrol team stormed the community, adding that on their way, two of the wound-

ed persons were carried in their van.

"My son told me that there was heavy shooting in the community. He told me not to come back yet. I waited at the roundabout until I saw some policemen. Many people did not agree to follow the policemen because of fear. But because my son was alone, I summoned courage and followed them.

"On our way, the police saw one of the persons shot in a pool of blood rolling on

the ground. They carried him into the van. After a short distance, we saw two men carrying another injured person; police also carried him. The people said two other wounded persons, including a fisherman, had been rushed to hospital," the source said.

When contacted, the state Assistant Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Grace Iringe-Koko, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), said the command had not received the report.

Respect rule of law, avoid BRT lanes, Minimah warns army

BY VIVIAN ONYEBUKWA

The Chief of Army Staff, Lt. General Kenneth Minimah, has charged military personnel to respect the rule of law wherever they find themselves and avoid driving on designated lanes for the Bus Rapid Transport (BRT).

He gave the advice in Lagos while briefing men and officers of the army during his familiarisation tour of army formations across the country. Describing Lagos as a cosmopolitan city with the good, the bad and the ugly, he

urged the personnel to avoid what was negative.

"Don't tango with the bad because you have an image to protect. Be of good conduct in and out, even in your private moment. Be an ambassador of the Nigerian Army. Do not conduct yourself in a way that will destroy the image of the army. Do not associate with questionable characters," he counselled.

The army chief advised his officers and men to respect the law in Lagos, saying good conduct was expected of an army officer at all times.