

# Student Shot Dead as Security Men, Rice Smugglers Clash in Badagry

An SS3 student was shot dead during a clash between security operatives of the Joint Border Patrol Team 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 a stray bullet and died on the spot during the clash with JBPT comprising Customs, Army and Immigration.

NAN reported that the JBPT,

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

It was gathered that the JBPT were on routine patrol at Irosu community near Sawa checkpoint around Owode-Apa border post in search of smuggled foreign rice, following a tip-off.

Some aggrieved youths, however, confronted the

operatives, vowing that on no account should any security agent be allowed to enter their domain to carry out the operation.

"However, in the ensuing fracas, the operatives started shooting into the air.

"In the process, one Alade Oba, an SS3 student of Kankon Secondary School, was hit by a stray bullet and died on the spot

"This resulted in a serious

protest by the youths who mobilised and burn tyres, demanding the release of Oba's corpse," a source at the scene told NAN.

NAN reported that the unrest prompted the Commanding Officer of 243 Recce Battalion, Ibereko, Badagry, Col. Nicholas Rume, to lead his men to the area to contain what could have degenerated into further loss of lives.