

Sudden fighting erupts in Malakal

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Reports coming in from the field say that shooting started today at 8:20 AM near the Malakal Airport in Upper Nile State.

It started adjacent the Upper Nile University a location where a company of SAF/SPLA JIU were deployed following the November 27, 2006 incident which started by Major General Gabriel Tang.

According to eyewitnesses the fighting started when the company posted at the Airport split into two and the SPLA JIU elements were driven out. Re-enforcement from SPLA started immediately. One report has it that some SPLA JIU wanted to capture Major General Gabriel Tang alive or else shot him. But, UNMIS tried to intervene to convince Tang to move out with no results.

At the moment three people are said to be wounded with no death as the fighting continues.

It can be recalled that similar incident occurred on November 27, 2006 when Major General Gabriel Tang and John Maluit the commissioner of Fangak had a fierce dispute over the commissionership of Malakal.

According to reports the president of GOSS on his visit to Malakal after the incident in December 5th 2006 addressed the public and stated that Major General Gabriel Tang is a criminal and must be brought to justice.

Major General Gabriel Tang suddenly reappeared in Malakal yesterday with twenty armed men, which has caused fear and panic in the town.

At the moment, the situation is still tense while most business houses remain closed.