

Residents protest alleged killing of police officer's son in Abuja

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Residents of the M.D. Abubakar Police Barracks in Dei-Dei, Abuja, on Sunday blocked the Kubwa-Zuba Expressway for more than three hours following the alleged killing of a young boy said to be a police officer's son.

The protest erupted after the victim, a 300-level university student and son of a police officer residing in the barracks, was reportedly stabbed to death during an altercation allegedly involving two scavengers.

A resident of the barracks told Abuja Metro that the victim was rushed to the police clinic within the facility, where he was confirmed dead.

According to the resident, one of the suspects was apprehended and rescued from an angry mob before being taken to the barracks' facility, where he received first aid.

"Thereafter, youths and women in the barracks demanded that the suspect be handed over to them for mob action. In the process, they

blocked the expressway from about 11 a.m. until around 2 p.m.," the resident said.

It was gathered that police officers later evacuated the suspect to the Kubwa Area Command before he was transferred to the FCT Police Command.

Abuja Metro gathered from a police source at Kubwa Area Command that a detachment of security personnel drawn from about six police divisions under the Kubwa Area Command, alongside officers from the 50 Police Mobile Force (PMF) Squadron in Dutsen-Alhaji and the 45 PMF Squadron within the M.D. Abubakar Barracks were deployed to the scene to disperse the protesters and reopened the highway to traffic.

The spokesperson for the FCT Police Command, SP Josephine Akeh, when contacted promised to find out from its personnel at the B Division in Dei Dei but was yet to get back to our reporter until the time of filing this report.