How soldier became angry, shot police constable dead during altercation

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A police constable, Ukasha Muhammed (F/No 533164), has been shot dead allegedly by a soldier attached to the Special Task Force (STF), Operation Safe Haven, Jos, Plateau State, following an altercation between them.

It was gathered that the incident occurred on Friday night around the popular TudunWadan Dan Iya known in the Bauchi metropolis.

A source who was around the place when the incident happened disclosed that a police patrol team was in the area to ensure peace and order as the place is known for gathering of people for social activities.

The source added that problem started around 9:00 p.m. when the patrol team began stop and search duties, checking vehicles and motorcycles.

The source disclosed that at a point, one of those the police wanted to search, who was eventually found to be a soldier, refused and obstructed the patrol team. This led to a commotion and after the intervention by some people around, the soldier left in anger.

According to the source, about an hour later, the soldier returned with two of his colleagues, allegedly brought out a pistol and shot the Constable in the chest.

They attempted to flee the scene. However, while the two others fled, he was apprehended by the people around who held him until the police reinforcements arrived and took him away.

However, reacting to the development, the state police command, through the Public Relations Officer, CSP Mohammed Ahmed Wakil, disclosed that the Police Constable was pronounced dead when he was rushed to a hospital.

The statement reads: "On 10th October 2025, at about 22:35 hours, information received by the command indicated a serious incident involving a patrol team led by Inspector HussainiSamaila during a routine patrol in the Bayan Gari area."

"The patrol team encountered an assault on one of its members, Constable Ukasha Muhammed by two individuals in front of Padimo Hotel. The remaining members of the team responded swiftly, resulting in the apprehension of one suspect, while the other escaped the scene."

The PPRO stated that the detained individual has been identified as Private Usman Mubarak who is assigned to the STF Operation Safe Haven in Jos, Plateau State.

"Subsequently, at about 23:05 hours, Private Yakubu Yahuza and Private Godspower Gabriel, both partially dressed in military uniform and armed with rifles, approached the team and one of them fatally shot Constable Ukasha Muhammed in the left chest before fleeing the vicinity.