

Cop dies as soldiers, Bauchi policemen clash

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A tragic clash between soldiers and operatives Nigeria Police Force in Bauchi State has led to the death of a police operative, Constable Ukasha Muhammed.

The Bauchi State Police Command confirmed the incident in a statement issued on Saturday by its spokesperson, SP Ahmed Wakil.

According to the statement, the confrontation occurred on October 10, 2025, in the Bayan Gari area of Bauchi metropolis.

Wakil explained that the command received a distress report concerning a serious altercation involving a patrol team led by Inspector Hussaini Samaila during a routine operation.

“The patrol team encountered an assault on one of its members, Constable Ukasha Muhammed (F/No 533164), 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 statement read.

The apprehended suspect was later identified as Private Usman Mubarak (23NA/84/5346), a soldier attached to the Joint Task Force, Operation Safe Haven, in Jos, Plateau State.

Angered by the arrest, two other soldiers, Private Yakubu Yahuza (23NA/85/10185) and Private Godspower Gabriel (23NA/84/5654), stormed the scene of the clash, armed and partially dressed in military uniforms.

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Wakil said they walked towards the police team, shot Constable Ukasha Muhammed on his left chest and fled the vicinity.

The injured officer was immediately rushed to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, where he was pronounced dead by medical personnel. His remains had since been deposited at the hospital’s mortuary.

The police spokesperson added that the command has taken the detained soldiers into custody and launched a full-scale homicide investigation.

“The Commissioner of Police, CP Sani-Omolori Aliyu, has constituted a team of seasoned homicide detectives to conduct a professional, diligent, and timely investigation aimed at ensuring that justice is served,” Wakil stated.

He also called for calm among officers and men of the command while urging restraint pending the outcome of the investigation.

The Commissioner of Police extended his condolences to the family of the deceased officer, praying for the repose of his soul.

“May his soul rest in peace, and may Aljannatul Firdausi be his final abode. May Almighty Allah grant his family the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss,” the statement concluded.