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Soldiers runs amok, kills 2

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The First Division of the Nigerian Army in Kaduna was thrown into confusion yesterday when a soldier who was on sentry suddenly picked his gun and killed a civilian passer-by before going into the barracks to kill another soldier.

Already, the dead soldier was buried at about 3 pm in accordance with Islamic rites while the remains of the civilian was still awaiting autopsy in an undisclosed hospital.

The General Officer Commanding (GOC), who was said to have traveled to Jos for official engagement was said to have been briefed about the tragedy, ordering that the rampaging soldier be disarmed by all means.

The assistant Public Relations Officer in charge of the division, Col. Mohammed Yerima who confirmed the killing of the two persons, said that the soldier had been detained while investigations continue.

He promised to issue a detailed statement on the matter when the GOC returns to Kaduna today.

"I have just been briefed about the incident. It is true that a soldier killed two persons. The soldier who was killed has been buried in accordance with Islamic rites. We will issue a detailed statement on the incident when we come back from the tour with the GOC tomorrow " he said.

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