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1 killed as soldiers, police clash in Kebbi

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A soldier was reportedly killed in a clash between the Army and police in Zuru, Zuru Local Government Area of Kebbi State.

A witness who spoke to Daily Trust said the incident occurred when an argument ensued between a Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and a soldier.

"The problem started when a soldier riding a motorcycle and in mufti, overtook a Divisional Police Officer (DPO). When the soldier stopped to repair his tyre at a vulcanizer's shed along the road, the DPO slapped him twice, even after he had identified himself. The soldier picked an iron rod and hit the DPO on his head. The DPO then ordered the two patrol officers who were with him to shoot the soldier. He was shot twice and he died on the spot," the witness said.

The development caused soldiers from the nearby 223 Light Tank, Dakarawa Barracks, to go on rampage, resulting in a bloody clash.

"The soldier took the three policemen to their barracks and barricaded the area to prevent movement", the witness added. When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Kabiru Rawanyau, said investigation into the matter is ongoing, adding "We will speak to you as soon as investigation is concluded".

The spokesman for 223 Light Tank Battalion could not be reached for comments.

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