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## Soldier, 2 cops killed in Kebbi clash

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The Kebbi State Police Command has confirmed the death of a soldier and two police officers in a clash between the Army and police in Zuru, Zuru Local Government Area of Kebbi State.

The state's Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Kabiru Rawayau, however said at the weekend that normalcy has been restored to the area.

"The attention of the command was drawn to an article published in two national dailies captioned "Bloodbath in Kebbi as police, Army clash". The command wishes to correct the inaccuracy of that report and inform the public that there was an incident which led to the death of a soldier and two policemen. Presently, a joint investigation is ongoing to ascertain the cause of the unfortunate incident", he said.

Witnesses said the incident was due to an argument between a Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and a soldier, who was alleged to have overtaken the cop with his motorcycle.

"The DPO accosted the soldier where he stopped to repair his tyre. He slapped the soldier twice, even after the soldier who was in mufti identified himself. The soldier, out of anger, picked up an iron rod and hit the DPO on the head. The DPO then ordered the two patrol police officers who were with him to shoot the soldier. He was shot twice and he died on the spot," a witness said.

The witness added that the development prompted soldiers from the nearby 223 Light Tank, Dakarawa Barracks, to go on rampage.

"The soldier took four police officers to their barracks and after a while, we heard gun shots", he added.