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## Two feared killed in JTF, petrol black marketers clash

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Two people were feared killed by stray bullets when security operatives said to be attached to the Joint Task Force (JTF) clashed with petrol black marketers in Abuja.

The incident happened at Bannex Junction, Wuse 2, Abuja on Wednesday.

According to witnesses, the incident, which happened between 7:30 pm and 8pm led to the deployment to armed police men to the area.

Abdulmalik Mohammed, a witness, said trouble started when security operatives stormed the area in about five vans trying to arrest petrol black market operators.

Mohammed said the black marketers' resistance led to the shooting by the security operatives.

"They killed two people, passers-by, through stray bullet, one lady and one other guy. That was how they also killed someone at Kado," another witness who referred to himself Alhaji Dodo said. He said police officers evacuated the corpses.

Dodo said the security operatives have been on the heels of petrol black marketers in the area since fuel scarcity resurfaced in the territory.

Though peace has been restored when our reporter was at the place yesterday, police men were stationed at the junction while some officers were also seen patrolling the area.

*Daily Trust* observed that few of the petrol black marketers are still going about their businesses metres from the area.

The FCT Police Command, Public Relations Officer, ASP Anjuguri Manzah confirmed the incident and said FCT Police Commissioner Wilson Inalegwu has ordered an investigation into it. He however referred our reporter to the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB).

Joe Ukairo, Head of Information and Outreach Programme of AEPB when contacted said the JTF is answerable to the commissioner of police and he is not aware of the incident.

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