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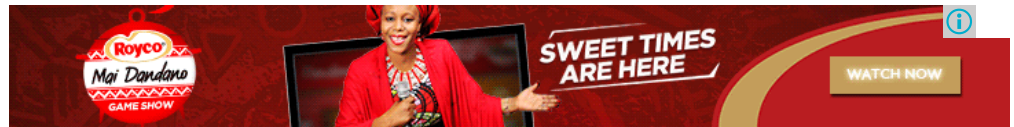


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A policeman has been killed and three others injured by one of a number of soldiers manning a checkpoint in Bauchi State.

The Bauchi State Police Command spokesperson, DSP Haruna Mohammed, said in a statement yesterday that 18 police officers who were travelling in a bus from Taraba State Command to Kaduna for a promotion course were stopped at a military check point in Panshanu Village of Toro LGA of Bauchi State and their vehicle was searched and allowed to proceed, but that one unidentified soldier attached to 33 Artillery Brigade, Bauchi, shot at the bus from the rear glass and escaped.

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"As a result, one F/N 500331 PC Bwala Mohammed died on the spot while three others sustained various degrees of injuries," the police PRO stated, adding that the scene was visited by a police patrol team led by the DPO of Toro division and victims rushed to Toro General Hospital for treatment and the corpse of the deceased police officer was deposited at the mortuary for post-mortem examination after being certified dead by a medical doctor.

He said one AK 47 rifle abandoned by the soldier with 31 rounds of live ammunition was recovered and the case was under investigation. On his own, the spokesperson of 33 Artillery Brigade of the Nigerian Army Bauchi, Major Joseph Adekunle Afolashade, said in a separate statement that troops deployed at Panshanu check-point along Bauchi-Jos road opened fire on a bus that drove dangerously through the checkpoint and refused to stop when flagged down.

He stated that the soldiers acted on suspicion that the bus might be conveying terrorists or armed criminal elements, but that preliminary investigation had confirmed the identity of the occupants to be policemen who were in mufti.

"Regrettably, one person died and 3 others sustained injuries in the process," the 33 Artillery Brigade spokesperson said.



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