


Drivers block highway over colleague's death

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Drivers of articulated vehicles yesterday blocked the Abuja-Lokoja highway in protest against the killing of a colleague by a soldier.

Daily Trust learnt that the driver of an articulated vehicle loaded with cattle was stopped at a military checkpoint in Jamata.

An argument ensued between the driver and some soldiers and in the process, a soldier reportedly shot the driver.

It was further gathered that other drivers who witnessed the incident used their vehicles to block the highway.

Vehicles from either side were stranded for many hours.

The governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, described the incident as unfortunate.

A statement issued by his Director General, Media and Publicity, Mr. Kingsley Fanwo, said the unfortunate incident was being investigated by the relevant authorities.

“Let us all wait for the reports of the investigations. But one thing is clear. The Kogi State government will ensure protection of lives and property as every life is important to government. We urge the people of the area to remain calm and not take the laws into their hands as government will get to the root of the matter,” the governor said.