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Deceased's family cries out over fatal accident near Jos

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A family in Tahos, a community in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State has raised the alarm yesterday, alleging that personnel at a checkpoint manned by Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) closed a case of a fatal accident involving their son, without transferring it to the police.

The accident happened on Saturday night along the Jos-Forest Road, killing one Emmanuel Ali, a 34-year-old father of eight. The family is accusing the driver of the vehicle number ABC-551KK, Mr. Patrick Nindam of knocking down the deceased, an allegation the driver denied, saying it was the deceased that hit him.

The family spokesman, Comrade Daniel Tanko told Daily Trust on phone that the driver knocked down and killed his cousin, who was on a motorcycle, on the opposite lane, adding that the driver had to rush to the headquarters of Sector 9 of the OPSH to report.

"We went to the police station in Riyom to report the accident. The police sent their traffic personnel to Sector 9, but the military officers at the checkpoint refused to release the driver, whom we are suspecting of killing our brother. The officers at the checkpoint closed the case and released the driver to go," Comrade Tanko said.

But the driver, Mr. Nindam said as law abiding citizen, he ran to the checkpoint to report the accident. "All he (Tanko) said was not true. I was detained at the military checkpoint. The military released me only after an agreement was entered between me and the family together with the chief," Nindam said.

When contacted for reaction, Captain Adam Umar, spokesman of the OPSH confirmed that the Army colonel heading Sector 9 released the driver of the vehicle on account of "a mutual agreement the driver and the family, together with the chief of Tahos made.

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