

Soldier guns down tricycle rider over accident in Maiduguri

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A soldier allegedly shot and killed a tricycle rider following an auto crash in which two other people sustained injuries in Maiduguri yesterday.

The Borno State Secretary of Keke Nepep Participants Development Association, Isiaka Ado, said, "Two people were wounded and a tricycle rider shot dead by an angry soldier. The soldier was wrong to have killed our member. For him to take the law in his hand was an act of indiscipline."

It happened near Muna garage along Gamboru Ngala highway at 6pm when a soldier boarded a tricycle and while a tricycle rider tried to overtake his tricycle and an accident occurred.

Witnesses said the soldier reacted by pulling the trigger of his rifle and shooting the 'erring' tricycle rider to death.

The incident led to protests between the civilian JTF members and the Army but the Commanding officer of the Sector 2 deployed more troops to save the injured soldier from the mob.

The Public Relations Officer, 7 Division of the Nigerian Army, Lt. Col. Kingsley told our reporter, "Yes, we are investigating the matter."