



CRIME

Farmer shot for violating motorcycle ban

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Soldiers have shot dead a farmer in Madagali area of Adamawa State for violating a ban on motorcycle use.

Residents said Yohana Simon Anarayu was riding to his farm along with his two younger brothers on Wednesday when a passing

military convoy opened fire on him.

They said the three brothers were carrying three hoes tied to the motorcycle when the incident happened.

Some of the residents interviewed by *Daily Trust* said the victim and his two passengers abandoned the motorcycle and ran out of fear before the soldiers shot at

them.

A community leader in the area who did not want his name published urged security personnel to exhibit professionalism and avoid unnecessary shedding of innocent blood.

Confirming the incident, Madagali Local Government chairman, Yusuf Muhammad, said there has been a well

publicised ban on motorcycles riding to curtail the activities of Boko Haram in the area.

He added that there were allegations that some accomplices had been supplying foodstuff to Boko Haram insurgents hiding in the bush.

Daily Trust gathered that the corpse of the deceased has been recovered and buried in

Duhu.

The spokesperson of the 128 Taskforce Battalion in Mubi, Major Badare Akintoye, did not answer calls from our correspondent.

Madagali, which is among seven local government areas recovered from Boko Haram in 2015, is still facing some threat from the insurgents due to its proximity to Sambisa forest.