

Police probe vigilante shooting amid unrest at Katsina varsity

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THE Katsina State Police Command has launched an investigation into the fatal shooting of a 400-level student of the Federal University Dutsinma (FUDMA) by a member of the Civilian Joint Task Force (JTF).

The incident also injured a commercial motorcyclist.

In a statement, the command's spokesperson, DSP Abubakar Aliyu, confirmed the incident and expressed the police's commitment to ensuring justice is served.

According to the statement, the incident occurred on Feb-

ruary 23, 2025, around 11:26 a.m., when a JTF team flagged down a commercial motorcyclist carrying a passenger, later identified as Sa'idu Abdulkadir, at a checkpoint.

"One of the JTF members fired at the victims, resulting in gunshot injuries," Aliyu said. "The victims were rushed to Dutsinma General Hospital, and Abdulkadir was later referred to the Orthopaedic Hospital in Katsina, where he was pronounced dead on arrival."

The police assured the public that efforts are ongoing to apprehend those responsible, working in collaboration with



Abdulkadir

the university management and other stakeholders.

The shooting sparked outrage among students of FUDMA, leading to widespread protests. The students, angered by the killing of their colleague, blocked the highway linking Dutsinma with Katsina city, set tyres on fire, and chanted slogans condemning security agencies.

The protests prompted the university's management to declare a one-week mid-semester break. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Armaya'u Bichi, announced the closure in a statement, urging students to vacate the campus by 6:00 p.m. yesterday.

"We wish the students a happy and peaceful mid-semester break," the statement read.

It was reported that the victim, Abdulkadir, a student of the Department of Agriculture, was shot when the motorcyclist ferrying him allegedly refused to stop at the JTF checkpoint. The motorcyclist, who also sustained injuries, is currently receiving treatment in hospital.



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