

X Youths accuse soldiers of molestation

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WITH the declaration of 24 hours curfew in Jema'a and Lere local government areas of Kaduna State some youth leaders in Zankwa, Zangon Kataf axis of the area have accused soldiers deployed to the crisis spot of molesting them.

The youths in what sounded like an SOS to newsmen in Kaduna said soldiers were moving from House to House beating up youths and hauling them away under the curfew.

But in a swift reaction, the Acting Chairman of Zangon Kataf, Mr. Dominic Yahaya, who said he is on ground in the area informed reporters on phone that the information was false, saying some youths had defied the curfew to stage a protest prompting soldiers to chase them away. The same way, the Acting Chairman of Jema'a LG, Comrade Yunana Barde, said, "Kafanchan and the entire Jema'a LGC are respecting the curfew. This morning, the Police Commissioner was here and we went round to see the extend of the damage. There was quite an amount of destruction that took place. But everything has calmed down now as nobody is wondering outside," he said.

Barde posited that "I have not been told of any casualty apart from the one corpse found recently just between the boundary of Jema'a and Zangon Kataf which started the problem. I hope the curfew gets relaxed soon. But the youths must learn to respect the law and be peaceful. Unfortunately, the people suffering the curfew are not the trouble makers", he said.

This is coming on the heels of the call by the police authorities for the general public and those outside the state to disregard the rumour been circulated through text messages and call of insecurity in Kaduna.

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