

Violent Protest In Maiduguri As Policeman Shoots Keke-NAPEP Driver

Members of the Keke-Napep Riders Association in Maiduguri, Borno State, have staged a violent demonstration around the city in protest of the shooting and killing of one of their members and a passenger by a policeman.

The policeman in question was alleged to have ordered the driver of the Keke-Napep not to drive through a particular route which was barricaded, but the driver, according to eyewitnesses, refused to obey the order.

The Keke-Napep driver's action infuriated the police officer who fired at the moving tricycle. His bullet killed the passenger; he then moved closer to the vehicle and fired at the driver as well.

The incident, which occurred about 11am near the Dandal police station on the way that leads to the Shehu's palace, attracted several people especially the members of the Keke-Napep association who began to mobilize for protest.

But soldiers in the nearby checkpoints quickly moved in to stop the protesters who had already begun to burn tyres and barricade the roads with heavy objects.

Soldiers, who were battling to disperse the demonstrating youth groups but found it difficult to achieve, suddenly went berserk, smashing cars and flogging people.

Journalists were part of those who suffered material casualty. Two vehicles, one belonging to the NTA Maiduguri zonal office, and the other belonging to a News Agency of Nigeria reporter, Mallam Hamza, were smashed by the soldiers.

Neither the police nor the soldiers have issued any statement on the incident that has caused serious tension within the town.

the administration

In a statement issued in Lagos on Sunday, the national public relations officer, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, said the party said President Jonathan admitted he bungled the fight against terrorism, and in the process, it has exposed the cluelessness in the handling of the abduction of the girls.

"With his leadership, his actions or inactions, President Jonathan has put the pains of the people, the guardians of the nation, when they have been the cause of such a difficult situation he leads the nation."

To worsen the situation, he said, the administration resorted to lying and saying the president planned to visit the first instance of it had been warned in the local and international media that the advance team in Borno State for presidential visit.

"Pray, do not advance to yourselves at the expense of the nation."

The party said President Jonathan himself made a mistake to look squeaky clean and told the world that he did not go to the girls were there and also that would not lead to the end of the girls.

"This statement by President Jonathan is to understand the situation in his office, and in these bad times, he is heard as the leader and consoler for his people. His statement is a pedestrian justification for presidential failure."

"As usual, a statement it was - that it was a long way in the battered global economy. Jonathan admitted the handling of the situation has turned out to be an albatross for the administration. Again, a president