

## Tricyclists Protest Killing Of Colleague In Taraba

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There were protests in Jalingo, the Taraba State capital yesterday by members of the Commercial Tricycle Riders Association over the killing of their member late Thursday by unknown persons.

The commercial tricycle rider identified as Yahuza Abubakar was killed and his body was dumped at River Nunkai Bridge

along Roadblock-ATC Road.

The chairman, Taraba State Commercial Tricycle Riders Association, Alh Abdullahi Bello confirmed that one of their members was killed in the late hours of Thursday by yet-to-be identified persons.

Bello also confirmed that the killers left with the commercial tricycle "after slaughtering him.

"In the early hours of today (Friday), his colleagues went

on protest, blocking the major road at ATC and Micheline Roundabout. The protest was hijacked by some hoodlums who also came and attacked my office.

"I have to call the police and the military for intervention."

Our correspondent who went round the state capital discovered that youths in their hundreds were on streets with light arms like sticks, iron rods

and axes in protest against the killing of the cyclist.

The protesters also smashed vehicles of passersby while some shop owners at the main roads deserted the area for fear of attacks.

The police public relations officer (PPRO), Taraba State command, Usman Abubakar confirmed the killing of the commercial tricyclist, adding that the protesters hijacked the

body of the deceased against the wish of the police who were at the scene to investigate the matter.

"On arrival, the police who were sent to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of the deceased were not allowed by the protesters to conduct their job. The protesters forcefully took away the corpse for burial at Malun village, an outskirt of Jalingo," he stated.