Borno Govt Fumes As Soldier Kills Truck Driver Over Extortion

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Borno State governor, Prof Babagana Umara Zulum, has condemned the killing of a truck driver conveying humanitarian items to a neighbouring country on Tuesday by a soldier along Dikwa -Gamboru Ngala Road in Dikwa local government area of Borno State.

LEADERSHIP Friday gathered that the late truck driver named, Malam Muhammad Bello, was beaten to death by the soldier over his refusal to bribe the soldiers and the CJTF manning the check point at Dikwa, notwithstanding that he had presented the clearance papers of the goods he was carrying.

Zulum who was represented by the Secretary to the State Government (SSG) Dr. Bukar Tijani at a press conference yesterday in Maiduguri, condoled with the family of the deceased driver and the members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and described the incident as one that the government cannot condone and prayed for such not to occur again.

He urged members of the NURTW and the general public to be patient and look at the incident as something that has happened and condemnable.

"The Borno State Government has received the sad news of the killing of a truck driver on Tuesday, 26th December, 2023 along Gamboru-Ngala Road, with utter shock, anguish and dismay. The victim, Mal. Muhammad Bello was a resident of Bulabulin Monday Market area in MMC and averagely 35 years old.