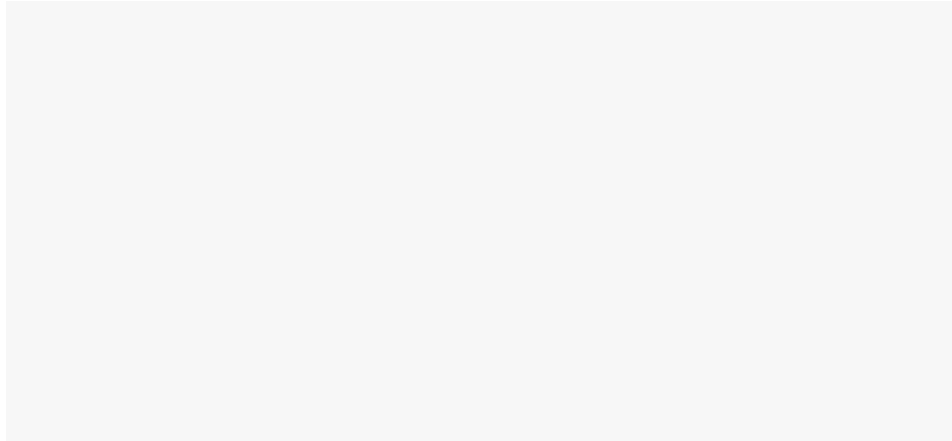


Soldier stabs driver to death in Edo

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Edo State Police Command has arrested a Lance Corporal, Moses Oguiche, attached to the 4 Brigade, for allegedly stabbing a driver to death.

The deceased driver, simply identified as Mr. Ogbimi, worked with the Big Joe Motors, Benin and had gone to Okene in Kogi State to alongside a mechanic, repair a broken down vehicle belonging to the company when the incident occurred.

Witnesses said trouble started when the towing van driven by the deceased had a collision with a silver colour Nissan Premera marked Abuja- KWL 811-AP, belonging to the suspect.

The soldier, who was said to be in mufti, stabbed the driver during an argument that ensued between them and later fled the scene, to prevent being attacked.

He was said to have been pursued by passersby and he later abandoned his car and ran into a bush at Agbede in Edo State.

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Policemen in the area were alerted and they took him into custody with his vehicle at Agbede Divisional Police Headquarters.

It was gathered that some armed soldiers stormed Agbede Police Station in two Hilux vans to rescue their colleague, but were prevented by residents and policemen.

Sources said Police Commissioner DanMallam Mohammed ordered the transfer of the suspect to the police headquarters in Benin City.

He said justice will be done, as nobody is above the law.

"The case is under investigation. It is a case of murder. He is a Nigerian and he is not above the law.

"I assure that justice will be done in this case," DanMallam said.

The Public Relations Officer for 4 Brigade, Capt. Maidawa Ibrahim Mohammed, said the loss of life was regrettable.

He said: "The loss of life in this controversial circumstance is highly regrettable. This is certainly not in line with the professional disposition of the Army, which places high premium on the sanctity of human lives. As alleged, this unfortunate circumstance will be thoroughly investigated and if established, justice shall take its course. I want to assure the public of the safety of their lives and property."

A worker in the transport firm, who pleaded anonymity, said the management and the bereaved family have been invited by the police at the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID).