

Soldiers kill 23-year-old herder in Plateau

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PERSONNEL of *Operation Safe Haven* have killed a 23-year-old herder, Abubakar Musa, in Donkasa community of Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The incident occurred around 200am while members of the community were sleeping.

According to the Fulani community, the incident happened when personnel from the operation arrived in the area and started shooting sporadically in an attempt to make some arrests, but shot Abubakar to death without any justification or reason.

Father of the deceased, Jibrin Abubakar, said: "I was at home when a call came in that soldiers

came to the community, arrested three persons and shot dead Abubakar.

"This is not proper because Abubakar, being an innocent person, doesn't deserve this. We don't know our offence. Those who have committed this dastardly act have committed a big mistake.

"If someone has committed a crime, the person should be investigated before any action is taken against him. It is a crime against humanity to the highest order."

Mother to the victim, Asiya Muhammad, condemned the killing, adding the three persons arrested are from the community.