

## Army probes alleged killing of three civilians, 100 cattle in Kaduna

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**T**HE Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Taoreed Lagbaja, has ordered a probe into alleged killing of three civilians and 100 cattle by soldiers on operation at Sabon Birni in Igabi Local Government Area, Kaduna State.

Army's spokesperson, Maj.-Gen. Onyema Nwachukwu, disclosed this in a statement.

He said the army chief had ordered a "thorough investigation" into the incident with

a view to establishing its immediate and remote causes and unraveling the brains behind it.

Maj.-Gen. Nwachukwu urged the public to remain calm and assured that the outcome of the investigation would be made public.

He said: "While the Nigerian Army wishes

to sympathise with Sabon Birni community and families of the affected persons, we also wish to state that the allegation will be thoroughly investigated and any personnel found culpable will be appropriately sanctioned.

"It is also necessary to add that the Nigerian Army, which is constitutionally mandated to protect lives and property of the citizenry, cannot tolerate doing otherwise."

**T**HE Director General of the National

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