

Army patrol vehicle kills 42-yr-old vice principal

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A 42-year-old vice principal of Joboli Fulani Secondary School, Arabi Ahmed, was last Friday, in Yola, the Adamawa capital, killed by a military vehicle on patrol.

A close friend of Arabi, Bobboi Iliyasu, in a phone chat with the Nigerian Tribune said the incident happened at NEPA neighbourhood in Jimeta-Yola.

Iliyasu said he spoke with the deceased vice-principal at about 9:00 p.m. on the fateful Friday, noting that the deceased teacher even promised to call him later.

"At about 10:00 p.m. same night, I received a call from my friend and when I picked it a strange voice enquired whether I know the owner. I answered the question in the affirmative and he told me to come to the specialist hospital because my friend was involved in an accident.

"When we arrived at the hospital, we were told that he had died, having suffered fatal head concussion as a result of the accident.

"The deceased vice-principal left behind his father, mother, two wives and eight children but the soldiers did not show concern about these people but only about their patrol vehicle," he said.

When contacted, the image-maker of the Adamawa State Police Command, DSP Sulaiman Nguroje, confirmed the incident, adding that the driver of the patrol van as well as the vehicle are in police custody.

"On learning about the accident, the commissioner of police directed the MTD to take charge of the investigation.

"We are doing a thorough investigation into the incident after which we shall present the outcome to the military authorities for further action," Nguroje said.