

Applicants trying to be enlisted into the Amotekun Corps during their screening and verification exercise at the Amotekun Corps Headquarters, Ibadan, on Wednesday. Photo: Tommy Adegbite.

# Soldiers protest death of female colleagues in Kwara auto crash

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SOME soldiers from Sobi Barracks in Ilorin, Kwara State, on Tuesday night protested the death of two of their colleagues in an auto accident on Sunday.

The *Nigerian Tribune* gathered that the protest caused pandemonium along Gambari/Akerebiata areas of the state capital, as commercial cabs, tricycles and private vehicles were allegedly damaged.

The two female soldiers, who were said to be riding on a motorcycle to Sobi Bar-

racks, were reportedly hit by a commercial tricycle operator on Akerebiata/Sobi Road.

It was gathered that while one of the women who was pregnant died on the spot, the other was critically injured.

Sympathisers at the scene of the accident then compelled the tricycle operator to take the injured soldier to the hospital for treatment.

It was, however, learnt that the injured soldier gave up the ghost on the way to the hospital, and instead of taking her body to the hospital, the tricycle operator dropped

her in a bush near the road.

As a result of this, colleagues of the female soldiers who had been searching for her later discovered her corpse in a bush around Alagbado.

This discovery made the soldiers attack commercial vehicles at Gambari area, and even to Akalambi, Akerebiata and Oja Oba areas of the city.

It was gathered that commercial cabs, tricycles and private vehicles were damaged by the soldiers.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Ajayi Okasanmi, who con-

firmed the report, said: "On Tuesday night, there was a report that about five people in army uniform were sighted causing trouble in Gambari area, and the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Kayode Egbetokun, quickly ordered the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of 'C' Division, Oja Oba to quickly mobilise his men to the place and within 30 minutes, normalcy was restored and peace returned to the area."

Okasanmi said that some vehicles that were damaged were those passing by during the period.

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