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Soldier kills civilian, colleague

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Military personnel and civilians within the vicinity of the One Division Headquarters of the Nigerian Army, Kaduna, were on Sunday thrown into panic and confusion when an unidentified soldier on guard at the main gate of the Army formation suddenly shot dead a civilian passerby.

Eyewitnesses said that the rampaging soldier also ran into the nearby Army barracks where he shot dead another soldier.

The tense atmosphere created by the soldier made the civilians and military personnel to scamper for safety.

Our correspondent, however, learnt that when the General Officer Commanding One Division, Major-Gen. Kamorudeen Role, who was said to have travelled to Jos, the Plateau State capital, was informed of the development, he ordered that the soldier should be disarmed by every possible means.

It was learnt that Role said if the soldier proved stubborn, he should be shot.

The Assistant Public Relations Officer in charge of the division, Col. Mohammed Yerima, confirmed the killing of the two persons by the soldier.

Yerima added that the rampaging soldier had been overpowered and detained while investigations into the incident continued.

He promised to issue a detailed statement on the matter on Monday (today) when the GOC returned to Kaduna.

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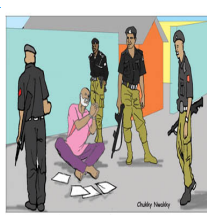
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