

Soldier kills UNIJOS securityman

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A member of staff of the security department of the University of Jos was on Saturday killed by a soldier attached to the Special Task Force on Jos crises code named 'operation safe'.

Eye witnesses said the incident took place along Yakubu Gowon way, Anglo-Jos by NASCO quarters at about 11:30am on Saturday.

The victim, identified as

Mr. Dauda Wagley, was a passenger in an Opel Vectra car heading towards Jos central area when he met his death.

Driver of the commercial vehicle was said to have driven against traffic, allegedly to beat the gridlock on the dual carriageway.

One of the soldiers halted the commercial vehicle and asked the driver to make a reverse to his lane.

However, in the process of reversing, another

soldier opened fire on the commercial taxi, an action that resulted in the death of the security officer.

The bullet was said to have gone through the right arm of the car driver before hitting Wagley on the chest. The driver and the deceased were taken to the Jos University Teaching Hospital where he was confirmed dead.

The driver, Salisu Musa, is said to be responding to treatment.

Spokesman of the STF,

Captain Salisu Mustapha, who confirmed the incident, described it as unfortunate.

Salisu said, "The driver failed to stop and this action was suspicious, consequently the soldier cocked and fired a shot which pierced through the left shoulder of the driver and unfortunately hit Mr. Wagley Dauda on his chest."

The captain said the STF personnel took the victims to JUTH, adding that Dauda died while receiving treatment.