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# Three killed as policemen, soldiers clash in Yobe

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## Kayode Idowu, Damaturu

Three persons were feared killed as soldiers and policemen clashed in Damaturu, the Yobe State capital on Wednesday.

The clash, it was gathered, followed the reported abduction of the Squadron Commander of Mopol 41 in Damaturu, CSP Dauda Fika, by men in military uniform.

Many persons, including soldiers, policemen and civilians, were injured in the fight between the two groups. Gunshots were heard, making civilians to scamper to the safety of their homes.

Financial institutions, government establishments and shops were forced to close.

A visit to the accident and emergency ward of the state specialists hospital in Damaturu showed that security personnel and civilians hit by stray bullets were being treated.

Three corpses of security officers were equally seen at the hospital morgue. Both the military and police authorities said they had yet to confirm the casualty figure.

Meanwhile a security meeting between military, the police and the DSS, chaired by the state Deputy Governor, Abubakar Aliyu, was held behind close door at the Government House, Damaturu.

Speaking to newsmen at the end of the meeting, the Commander of the 27 Task Force Brigade, Buniyadi, General Aminu Bande, said a committee had been set up to investigate the matter and ensure justice was done.

“The cause of the clash for now is not the issue because it will affect the work of the



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“The committee will ensure that the officer found guilty for this clash will be seriously dealt with,” the General said.

The Yobe State Commissioner of Police, Sumonu Abdulmaliki, said the issue had been resolved, adding, “The meeting has ended well and conflict like this is normal and we have made a lot of progress in ensuring that issues like this are averted in the future.”

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