

# Army goes after trigger-happy soldier for killing Zamfara fruit vendo

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Bello Matawalle, Governor of Zamfara State

The Nigerian Army has said efforts are being made to arrest a yet-to-be identified soldier, who allegedly shot dead a fruit vendor in Gusau, Zamfara State.

The fruit vendor, Abdulkadir Musa, was shot dead by a gunman suspected to be a soldier for preventing the suspect from going away with his bunch of bananas for free.

The Director, Army Public Relations, Mohammed Yerima, said in a statement on Tuesday that the incident was regrettable and condoled with the family of the deceased.

Yerima stated, "It is worthy of note that the General Officer Commanding 8 Division, Major General Usman Yusuf, has since commissioned an investigation to unravel the circumstances that led to the altercations, which eventually claimed one life.

"Efforts are ongoing to arrest the yet-to-be identified perpetrator.

"The NA remains professional and will never condone any act of misconduct by troops against the very people they are deployed to protect.

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"The Army wish to state clearly that the alleged perpetrator, once identified, will be subjected to a thorough investigation and if found wanting, will be made to face the full wrath of the law in accordance with extant provisions.

“Furthermore, the NA wish to assure the good people of Zamfara State that normalcy has been restored in the general area and the Army remains committed to the discharge of its constitutional responsibilities.”

Yerima added that the Army was also working to put in place measures to ensure that similar incidents did not occur again.