

Probe begins as three cops arrested over Kaduna conductor's killing

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The Kaduna State Police Command has begun a probe after it arrested three of its personnel over the alleged unlawful use of firearms that led to the death of a 20-year-old bus conductor in the Igabi Local Government Area.

Security analyst, Zagazola Makama, reported on his official X handle on Monday that the incident occurred on Sunday night following a distress call from Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital.

According to him, one Abdulrashid Dayyabu of Maje Village, Maraban Jos, had driven a white J5 bus with registration number LSD 190 YE to the hospital with a passenger who sustained a gunshot wound to the chest.

The victim, identified as Nasir Abdulhakim, a bus conductor, was confirmed dead while receiving treatment.

Preliminary investigation, according to Makama, revealed that the bus was stopped by policemen from Millennium City Division during a routine check along Kujama Road. However, the driver allegedly attempted to evade arrest, prompting the officers to pursue the vehicle.

“In the course of the chase, one of the policemen fired at the vehicle, hitting the conductor in the chest,” Makama wrote.

He added that the remains of the deceased were later released to the family for burial in line with Islamic rites after they requested that no postmortem be conducted.

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The spokesperson for the state police command, ASP Mansir Hassan, confirmed to PUNCH Metro correspondent via text message on Monday evening that the case is currently undergoing investigation.

“Yes, the case is under investigation,” Hassan said.

PUNCH Metro on January 4 reported the arrest and detention of a policeman whose identity had yet to be revealed after an accidentally discharged bullet from his gun hit and killed a young woman identified as Ifeoluwa Adekalu, in Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State.

The policeman's gun was said to have discharged a bullet at Okela Police Station in Ado Ekiti, killing the woman in front of a shop opposite the station.

A source told *PUNCH Metro* that "He was said to have released the bullets while in a joyous mood over the news of the promotion of one of his colleagues.

"The victim was passing by when the bullet hit her in front of a shop opposite the police station. She was said to be returning from where she went to pay her accommodation rent," said the source.