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Traffic officers kill 2 in Zaria

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Five Marshalls of the Kaduna State Traffic and Environmental Law Enforcement Agency (KASTELEA) yesterday killed an okada rider and a woman passenger of a tricycle in Zaria while chasing a suspected traffic violator.

The bodies of the victims whose identities could not be ascertained were deposited at the morgue of

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an alpha jet to attack the location. Overhead the target area, some of the BHT fighters were seen attempting to flee the location but were taken out by the alpha jet's successful strikes, which also caused the destruction of two vehicles and other equipment at the workshop.

"The NAF, operating in concert with surface forces, will sustain its operations to completely degrade the terrorists in the northeast".

Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital Zaria.

The situation has triggered off serious protest by hundred of okada riders, leading to barricading the main road from Kofar Doka to Zaria city.

Ibrahim witness, Malam Dankani, told Daily Sun: "I saw a KASTELEA official vehicle on high speed, chasing an okada rider along Kofar Doka- Alhudada College Road around 10.30am today, but the okada fell down after he was blocked by KASTELEA vehicle at a U-turn. The vehicle ran over the okada rider and he died instantly.

"A tricycle coming from the opposite direction hit the KASTELEA van and a women passenger died," he said.

Zaria branch chairman of Okada Riders Association, Malam Aliyu Abubakar, led a protest to and local govern-Emir's palace ment chairman to expressed their grievances.

"KASTELIA marshals have been killing people in Zaria unnecessarily and they arrest vehicles indiscriminately. Their duty is to arrest vehicle not to kill people," he said.