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### Friday clash: Katsina emir sues for peace

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FOLLOWING last Friday's incident in Katsina which resulted to loss of lives of two people while performing Friday prayers, Emir of Katsina, Alhaji Abdulmumini Kabir Usman had pleaded with people in the state not to take law into their hand.

"Daily Triumph reports that a vehicle belonging to one army officer from 35 Motorized Battalion ran into a group of worshippers at Tayoyi Friday mosque killing two people and injuring four others

It was gathered that an angry mob instantly burnt down the vehicle and killed the army officer, as well burnt his body beyond recognition.

It was further gathered that in a retaliation move, a group of army officers stormed the mosque at about 5:30 am and whisked away, the chief Imam and some worshippers.

Daily Triumph investigation revealed that the Imam and worshippers numbering about 20 were taken to the army barrack and allegedly tortured and beaten.

The victims, it was gathered, were later taken to Katsina General Hospital for treatment.

Our correspondent who visited the hospital, saw some of the victims receiving treatment with serious injuries. The attitude of the Army officer, it was gathered, created tension and an attempt by a group of people to take revenge.

However, to avert any possible crisis, the Emir of Katsina and Police authorities hurriedly issued statements appealing to people to remain calm.

The statements assured that the matter is being investigated and all those behind the incident will be brought to book.

The statements broadcast on the state Radio and Television, warned people not to be allowed to be used to format trouble in the state.

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