

Student, three others feared dead in Suleja

NIGER state over a relocation order given by the state government to a Community in Rafinsayin area of the town to relocate to another area.

They were said to have been given two months to relocate from the area which was formerly an Army barracks. Our correspondent could not ascertain the reason behind the quit notice.

While some of the residents who are mostly retired soldiers complied, many others refused.

Trouble however started yesterday when a bulldozer was said to have moved to the location to pull down the illegal structures but met some resistance with the settlers claiming that they have been living there for over two decades.

However, on Friday morning, Government officials accompanied by heavily armed mobile policemen numbering over 70 stormed the area to forcefully eject the people from the area. Eye witness told our correspondent that as early 6:30am, a bulldozer was sighted in the area preparatory to commence the pulling down of what government described as "illegal structures". However the government officials and security operatives met a stiff resistance from the community as they mobilized in their hundreds to prevent the government action which they described as "inhuman" and because of the violent resistance, police went back to avoid blood shed but were said to have shot into the air to scare the protesters.