

## Army detains soldier over death of protester in Kaduna



Army

**The Nigerian Army has detained a soldier who killed a 16-year-old boy, Ismail Mohammed, while attempting to stop hoodlums who were causing mayhem in Samaru, Zaria, in Kaduna State on Tuesday.**

**This is contained in a statement by the Director, Army Public Relations, Maj.-Gen. Onyema Nwachukwu, on Wednesday in Abuja.**

**Nwachukwu said the troops received a distress call that some hoodlums gathered in Samaru area of Zaria in large numbers, burning tyres on the road and pelting stones on security personnel.**

**He said the troops immediately mobilised and arrived at the scene to disperse the mob and enforce the curfew imposed by the state government.**

**“On arrival at the scene, the hoodlums brazenly attempted attacking the troops, prompting a soldier to fire a warning shot to scare the hoodlums away, which unfortunately led to the death of a 16-year-old boy, Ismail Mohammed.**

**“The soldier involved has since been arrested and undergoing interrogation as of the time of this report,” he said.**

**Nwachukwu said the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lt.-Gen. Taoreed Lagbaja was saddened by the unfortunate incident.**

**He said the COAS had sent a high-powered delegation led by the General Officer Commanding 1 Division, Maj.-Gen. Lander Saraso, to visit and condole with the family of the deceased.**

**According to him, the deceased was buried according to Islamic rites, with senior military officers of the Nigerian army in attendance. (NAN)**