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# Naval Seaman kills colleague in Zamfara after argument



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The Defence headquarters on Friday confirmed knowledge of the shooting to death, of a Naval Personnel by his naval colleague in Zamfara state over an argument that was not revealed. Leading seaman LS Akila was said to have opened fire with his service rifle on his colleague early hours of Friday during an argument in Dansadau, Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara state.

The two personnel were said to be serving at Team 3, formerly Operation Hadarin Daji now new named Operation Sheto Yanma, and entered into an argument, resulting in LS Akila shooting his colleague.

Speaking on the development, Major General Edward Buba, Director of Defence Media Operations, said, "On 25 October 24, at about 03.12hrs, naval personnel, LS Akila, deployed at FOB Dansadau for Operation Fansan Yamma, in questionable circumstances opened fire sporadically killing a fellow military colleague.

"Thereafter, he was arrested, disarmed, and detained and an investigation has since commenced into the case.

"After investigation, the case will be escalated to a standing court martial set up to address such misdemeanour among troops.

"Meanwhile, the administrative procedure for notifying the family of the deceased is ongoing.

"It is for this reason his name is not yet released to the public. Nevertheless, the name will be released in due course."

"Accordingly, we urge the media to exercise caution in reporting in order not to further demoralise the family of the deceased, please."