

UPDF soldier shoots two dead, kills self

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ARUA. A UPDF soldier shot two civilians dead after a quarrel in a bar in Bondo Trading Centre in Arua District and later killed himself on Tuesday night.

The army's 4th Division spokesperson, Maj Telesphor Turyamumanya, identified the killer as Arthur Nuwamanya, attached to 409 Brigade in Bondo Army Barracks.

"This was purely an act of indiscipline because the soldier was [supposed] to protect the civilians. After committing the offence, the soldier killed himself," Mr Turyamumanya said.

Code of conduct

He said the UPDF code of conduct does not allow the soldiers to move with guns in public like a bar, unless someone is on duty.

"We are investigating the circumstances under which the soldier accessed guns if he was not on duty. If you (soldiers) are drinking, you should not drink yourselves silly. It is an offence for any soldier to kill a civilian," Maj Turyamumanya said.

One of the injured, Ms Alice Adridiru, was taken for treatment at a health centre.

The West Nile regional police spokesperson, Ms Josephine Angucia, said the police are yet to ascertain the identities of the dead civilians.