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Burkina Faso: The hanging of Kere Mamadou that reportedly took place in May 2001 in the central market of Tenkodogo by order of the city's chief, and a demonstration held the day after the hanging; whether violence was used to break up this demonstration and whether any arrests were made  
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

Tenkodogo appears to be a city in a province of the same name, and is located to the east of the capital, Ouagadougou (World Bank June 2003; *Encyclopedia of the Third World* 1992, 258).

According to *Country Reports 2000* ,

In June [2000] militiamen who claimed allegiance to Naba Tigre, the traditional chief of the city of Tenkodogo, killed trader Mamadou Kere, reportedly for showing disrespect to Naba Tigre. The victim actually had criticized Naba Tigre's son, a parliamentarian who supported the CDP [Congress for Democracy and Progress]. Although Naba Tigre was temporarily held in police custody from July 7 to 19, he was released, and at year's end, no one had been charged in Kere's killing (Feb. 2001).

However, according *Country Reports 2002* ,

[t]he June 2000 killing of Mamadou Kere . . . was resolved during the year [2002]. On May 24, 11 perpetrators of the Kere killing were charged with "not helping a person in danger, unlawful arrest and sequestration, and fatal blows." Five of the defendants received 1 to 3 years' imprisonment, and six of them were acquitted (Mar. 2003).

No information on a demonstration held the day after the murder could be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

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