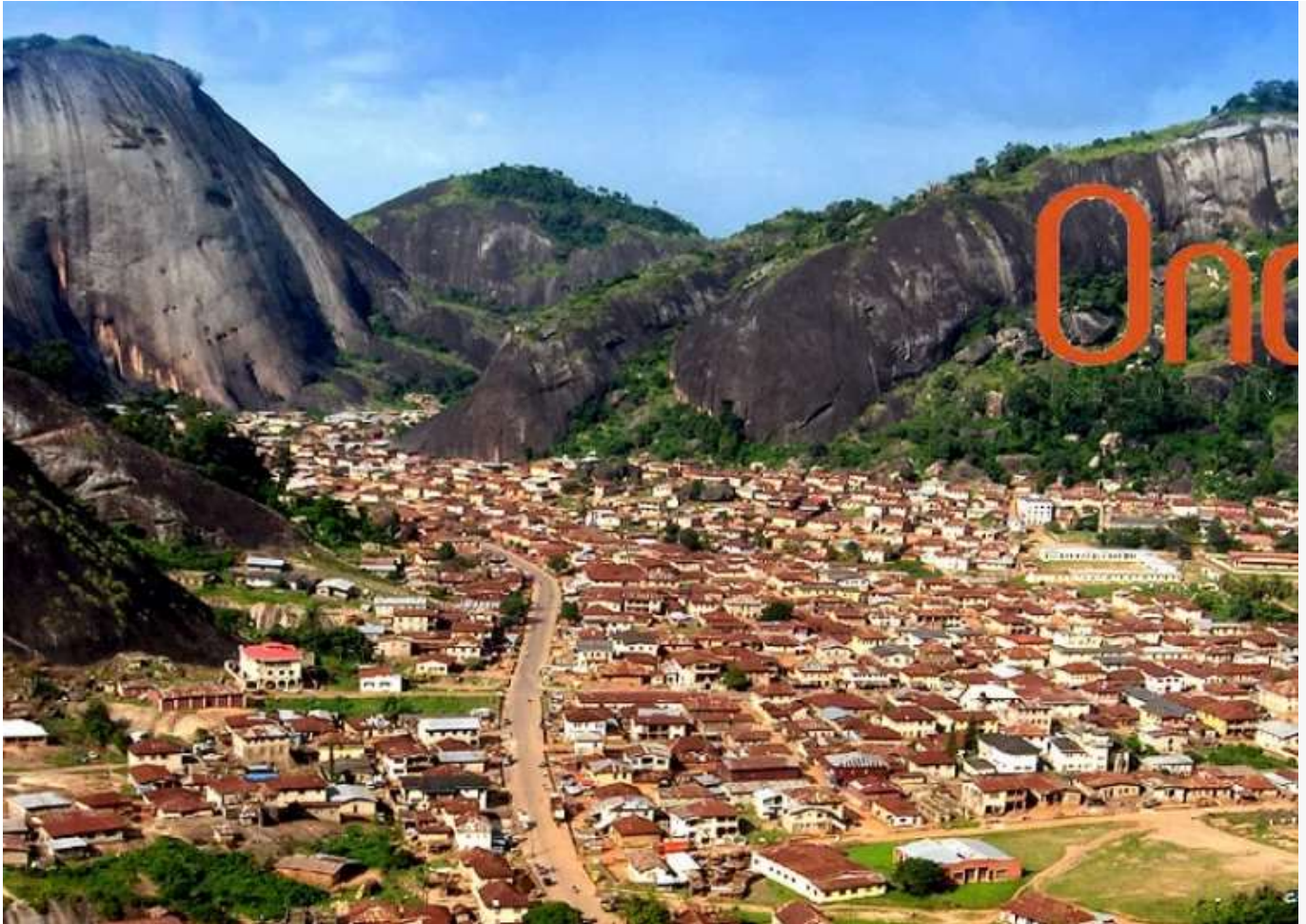


Thugs Stab Police Officer To Death In Ondo

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A police officer on duty has been fatally stabbed by suspected thugs in Akure, the Ondo State capital.

Sources said the officer was attacked and stabbed near the Arakale area on Wednesday following an altercation with the assailants.

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The police public relations officer, Olushola Ayanlade, who confirmed the incident, clarified that it occurred earlier in the day, countering rumours that it was in the evening, which were circulating on social media.

Ayanlade described how the officer, while performing his lawful duties in the early morning hours, encountered a group of individuals who were described as uncooperative and belligerent.

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According to him, “What started as a routine engagement quickly escalated into a violent confrontation. The officer was stabbed by one of the assailants and suffered critical injuries. An emergency response was immediately activated.”

Ayanlade said, “Police operatives were deployed to the scene to restore order and apprehend the attackers. Two suspects, Shina Jacob, 25, and Felix Olalekan, 32, have been arrested in connection with the incident. The injured officer was rushed to the hospital but died despite efforts to save him.

The PPRO, who described the death as a painful loss to the police command, emphasised that the officer died in the line of duty while protecting lives and property.

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He, however, assured the public that the investigation is ongoing and that the suspects will be charged in court upon its conclusion.

He also warned against spreading false information that could incite fear or misrepresent the facts.

Reaffirming its commitment to discipline within its ranks, the Police stressed that while misconduct by officers will not be tolerated, any attack on officers carrying out lawful duties will face decisive legal action.