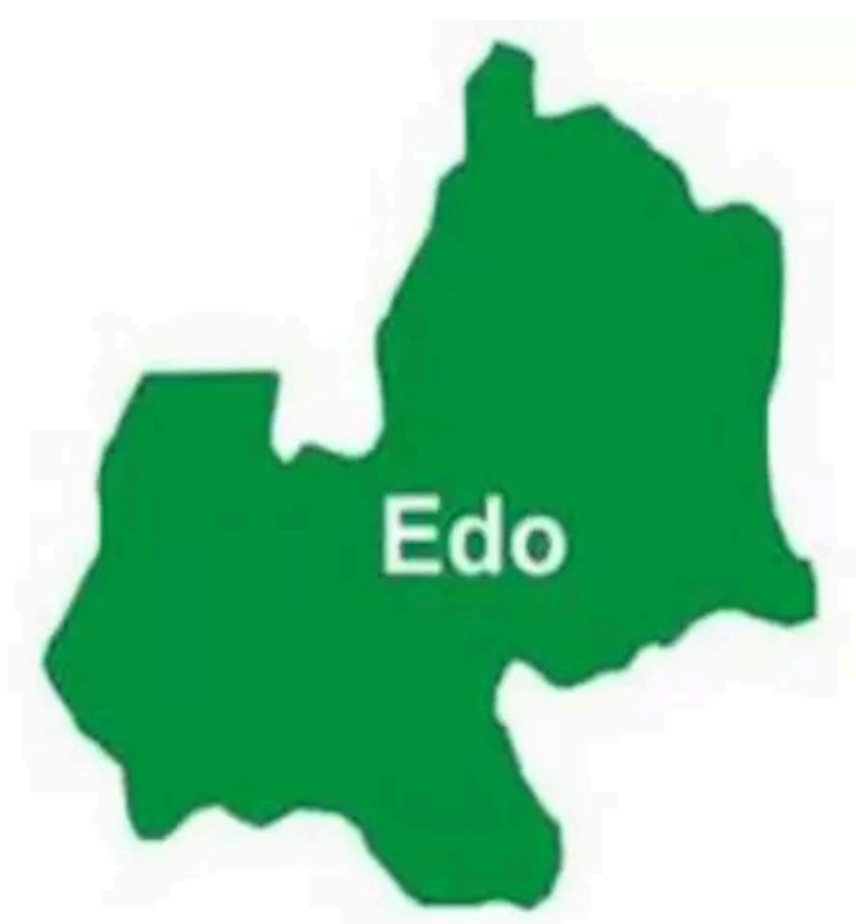


Police Inspector Killed At Benin Checkpoint

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A police inspector attached to the Ekiador Area Command has been shot dead by armed occupants of a vehicle during a routine stop-and-search operation in Benin, Edo State.

The tragic incident occurred on Friday when an unregistered black, tinted Lexus SUV approached a police checkpoint and allegedly refused to stop when flagged down.

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A statement by the Police public relations officer, CPS Moses Yamu, said the suspicious behaviour of the vehicle's occupants prompted officers to intensify efforts to conduct standard security checks.

“Tragically, in the course of this lawful engagement, one of the occupants of the vehicle suddenly opened fire on the inspector at close range and zoomed off,” he said.

Yamu added that they have commenced a full-scale investigation and intensive manhunt to track down the perpetrators of the heinous crime.

He said all available intelligence and operational assets have been deployed to ensure that the assailants are apprehended and made to face the full wrath of the law.

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The statement further appealed for public cooperation with security agencies, especially during the yuletide season, noting that such collaboration is vital to maintaining safety across the state.

The Edo State Police Command reaffirmed its commitment to protecting lives and property and vowed that the criminals behind the attack would not escape justice.