

Police kill Ebonyi bike rider, 2 in custody, CP orders probe

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Ebonyi State police command has commenced investigation into the killing of a motorcycle operator in Abakaliki, the state capital by its operatives.

The police operatives reportedly chased the bike rider from a street before one of them opened fire on him. It was gathered that the boy identified as Nwanchor Uwazuruike was reportedly riding a bike regarded as a yahoo machine when he was shot dead.

The incident occurred at about 10:30pm on Tuesday around Hariz filling station.

His killing sparked off wide condemnation in the capital city.

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The command, yesterday evening said it has commenced investigation into the incident.

Ebonyi State Police public relation officer, Joshua Ukandu in a statement, said officers involved in the incident have been taken into custody and that the state Commissioner of Police has directed the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) to carry out a thorough, impartial and professional investigation to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the incident.

“Ebonyi State Command has commenced a comprehensive investigation into a fatal shooting incident that occurred on January 27, 2026, at about 10:30 pm around Hariz filling station.

“Preliminary reports indicate that operatives of the Command attached to the Central Police Station, Abakaliki, while on routine patrol around the Spera-in-Deo Flyover, responded to a distress call when one of the officers unprofessionally shot in the air.

“ Regrettably, the bullet struck a motorcycle rider, who has been identified as Nwanchor Uwaezuruike ‘m’. He was immediately rushed to the hospital for medical attention but was later confirmed dead.