

2 killed, 100 injured as police, okada riders clash

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TWO persons including a policeman were feared dead while over 100 others were injured, weekend, in a violent clash between policemen and commercial motorcycle riders popularly called Okada in Warri, Delta State.

The clash was sparked off by alleged killing of an Okada rider by a policeman over demand for N20, in the oil city, late Saturday afternoon.

An eye witness account of the incident indicated that the deceased motorcyclist, identified as Mr. Segun Opioko, was killed by a policeman at

Upper Erejuwa Road .

There were however conflicting reports on leading to his death with a version saying he was shot while another claimed he was beaten to death.

Nevertheless, Opioko's aggrieved colleagues swiftly attacked the policemen as they tried to flee the scene.

An unlucky member of the squad, seized by the irate mob, was reportedly lynched, a development that led to open confrontation between the two sides.

The enraged police team later reinforced and stormed the city beating and battering everybody on motorcycle, irrespective of whether they were Okada riders or not.