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## Man, 25, killed as police, youths clash in Niger

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**TWENTY-FIVE** year old Abubakar Iyaba was killed Monday in Agaié, Niger State, when the police clashed with youths over attempts to arrest some suspects.

The Information Officer of Agaié Local Government Area, Alhaji Abdullah Kabido, told our correspondent that the police were there to arrest some criminals but the youths got angry when innocent people were allegedly picked.

He said the youths who had issues with the Divisional Police Officer had cashed in on the situation to express their displeasure which led to the death of the 25 year old and the wounding of several others.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Mr Richard Oguche, confirmed the incident, saying the situation had been brought under control.

The police spokesman dismissed allegations that shots were randomly fired as he maintained that the person killed was armed with fuel and matches which he said had already been poured on the police officer that fired the shot. Oguche dismissed allegations of extortion leveled against the DPO as lies, maintaining that he was only trying to keep with the Shariah law in the state preventing consumption of alcohol by removing offenders from drinking spots at night.