

Police kill motorcyclist in Minna

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TRAGEDY struck in Minna, the Niger State capital, on Monday night, when a commercial motorcyclist, identified as Hamisu Sa'adu was allegedly killed by a policeman on patrol at the popular Mandella junction along Western Bypass.

Daily Trust gathered that the motorcyclist was on his way home from Bukachi area, an outskirts of the metropolis where he took a passenger around 6:40 pm but on reaching the junction where the policemen numbering about six were enforcing the law restricting the movement of motorcycles from 7pm to 7am in the state capital, one of the policemen on duty hit the motorcyclist with a big stick on the head as he was riding.

A witness, Abubakar

Abdullahi Suleiman, told *Daily Trust* that the motorcyclist fell flat on the road after he was hit with a wooden stick on the head.

The witness said the policeman who hit the man had wanted to run away but they held him until a good Samaritan offered to use his car to take the victim to Minna General Hospital.

The deceased's elder brother, Shehü Alhaji Lawal, told *Daily Trust*, that his late brother sustained a deep cut on his head after he was hit by the policeman, saying he died shortly on their arrival at the hospital.

Contacted, the state Commissioner of Police, Mrs. Desire Nserim, said the motorcyclist fell and hit his head against the pavement in attempt to dodge the policemen on duty, thereby sustaining injury on his head which eventually led to his death.