Police killing sparks riot in Biu

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THREE persons were allegedly killed by the police in Biu town in Borno State, an action that sparked violent protests by angry youths in the town yesterday.

A BBC Hausa report, monitored in Abuja, quoted a witness as saying three days earlier, "Some unidentified gunmen stormed the town, and after shooting and killing, they dropped some papers on the streets of the town and warned of severe punishment if anybody revealed their identity."

The witness said after this incident, the police arrested three young men from the same family in the night, but their bodies were found in the morning.

This sparked riots in the town.

Borno State police spokesperson, Samuel Tizhe, said the police did not kill the three men.