

Drivers on rampage as robbers kill colleague at check point

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Commercial vehicle drivers yesterday attacked and wounded a Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and vandalised a police station after their Lagos-bound colleague was shot dead by gunmen suspected to be armed robbers during a raid between two police checkpoints at Aramoko in Ekiti West LGA of Ekiti State.

Toyin Kajiko was shot dead by the robbers who carried

out a raid between the police checkpoints.

He was driving an 18-seater bus belonging to Lafe Ade Transport Service heading to Lagos from Ado Ekiti, before being intercepted by the robbers at about 7.00 am.

A witness said motorists parked and abandoned their vehicles and many dashed into the bush.

Other drivers who were angry that the robbery took place near two police checkpoints attacked and

wounded the Aramoko Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Anthony Okpalaeke, who went to the scene with some of his men.

The police station was also vandalized by the drivers who accused the policemen of negligence.

A passenger in the bus, Abayomi Aderiye, told journalists that the robbery occurred shortly after the slain driver had given money to some policemen at one of the checkpoints.

Aderiye said: "Policemen stopped us on getting to the corner, he (the late driver) dropped the money and he was complaining about the location of the checkpoint at a very sharp bend. As he moved forward, the next thing we heard were gunshots".

The Alara (traditional ruler) of Aramoko, Oba Adegoke Adeyemi, condemned the attack and also accused the police of negligence. He urged security agencies to be more alive to their responsibilities

and prevent a reoccurrence in his domain.

The state chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Clement Adekola, wondered how a robbery could have succeeded between two police checkpoints.

"Can you imagine? The robbery taking place between two roadblocks which are a few meters from each other and all the policemen are from the Aramoko Police Station", Adekola said.

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