


Policeman kills okada rider in Ilaro

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A policeman has gunned down a commercial motorcyclist in Ilaro, the headquarters of Yewa South Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The development saw aggrieved youths in wild protest, destroying police properties in the town. The protesters, comprising commercial motorcyclists and members of the butcher association in Ilaro, barricaded all roads around the town.

The victim was allegedly killed by the policeman on Wednesday for violating the restriction order earlier placed on all commercial motorcyclists in the state by the state Commissioner of Police, Abdul-Majid Ali.

It was gathered that trouble started when the motorcyclist identified as Akanji Ahmed was shot around 9pm Wednesday at Igbo- Aje motor park, which is the heart of Ilaro town.

Our correspondent gathered that the 32-year-old Akanji, after closing from work, had gone to buy food on a friend's motorcycle but was intercepted by three policemen who themselves were on another motorbike, accusing him of contravening the CP's order restricting okada movement to 9pm.

It was further gathered that all efforts by Akanji at pleading with the police officers failed, as the deceased allegedly allowed the officers to take possession of the okada and in an argument that ensued, was shot by one of the policemen.

Some sources said two persons were killed and one other injured in the shootings, but only one death was confirmed.

The traditional ruler of the town, the Olu of Ilaro, Oba Kehinde Gbadewole Olugbenle, who visited the scene around 10pm, appealed to the people of the town not to take the laws into their hands by revenging.

The Ogun Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Muyiwa Adejobi, hinted that the Command had arrested and commenced the trial of the erring police officer.