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# Cop killed as thugs clash in Niger

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Niger State Police Command has confirmed the killing of a police officer (name withheld) during the youth restiveness in Minna, Niger State capital.

The Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, who disclosed this while parading the 32 suspects arrested in connection with the restiveness revealed that the officer died alongside a trader who was stabbed by thugs.

Abiodun said the thugs popularly known as "Yan Sara Suka" of Ogbomosho and Limawa Areas of Minna engaged in a fight with dangerous weapons and eventually started attacking shops using "Machetes, sticks, stones and other dangerous weapons."

He said: "Police patrol teams were immediately drafted to the area to forestall break down of law and order and the thugs were dispersed, unfortunately, a shop owner at Ogbomosho road, one Ifeanyi Patrick aged 39yrs was stabbed to death as a result of the thuggery while a police officer also lost his life in the process."