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Policeman killed in ambush by hoodlums in Ibadan

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An unidentified policeman was killed in an ambush by hoodlums in the Moniya area of Ibadan, Oyo State capital, in the early hours of yesterday while chasing people suspected to be internet fraudsters.

A journalist with Silverbird Television, John Alabi, was manhandled and wounded as he was among those arrested at the scene of the unrest while recording the clash.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in Oyo State, Wale Osifeso, who confirmed this in a statement, said the

policemen were on lawful intelligence-led "Stop and Search" around a major black spot when they were attacked.

He stated that the patrol led by one Insp. Stanley Ikhine flagged down an ash-colour Lexus 350 Jeep with a faintly inscribed registration number which aroused suspicions from the officers

on watch.

Osifeso said, "The vehicle initially slowed down in compliance with the directive before eventually picking up speed and dashing off to evade the officers on duty. This action led to a chase by the officers in a bid to establish further clarity of facts.

"A few meters away from

the initial stoppage point, the Lexus jeep veered off the road to a nearby garage, driving directly into the waiting hands of hoodlums who were also collaborators in the criminal process, thereby not only obstructing the officers from discharging their duties but as well aiding the escape of the SUV and its occupants."

"Sadly, the gallant officer paid the supreme price, suffering a heavy blow to his skull inflicted by one of the hoodlums while preventing them from dispossessing him of his firearm."

The PPRO said seven persons had been arrested and 12 motorcycles impounded in connection with the incident.

Gunmen kidnap