

Police kill 40-year-old man at Magongo, Kogi

Mr Alexander Shado, 40-year-old U.S. based Nigerian, who is on a visit to his home, Magongo in Kogi, has been shot dead by a police corporal.

An eyewitness, Mr Tunde Adeshola, told newsmen at Magongo, yesterday that the incident occurred at the border between Magongo and Lampkese in Edo last Friday at about 5 p.m.

Adeshola said that Shado was on his way to buy fuel at Lampkese, for his Honda Jeep, No. AV 95 KUJ , in company of three other persons, when he was stopped by Corporal Hyacinth Okwodafe, at a police check point.

He said Shado was shot on the chest inside his car by the policeman before he could alight from the car to answer questions from the policeman and that he died a few minutes later at the Okene General Hospital.

It was further gathered that the murder of the man triggered off a

violent protest by youths in the community, who destroyed the police stations and vehicles at Magongo and the near by Ogori town.

The Commissioner of Police in Kogi, Mr Samuel Adekunle, confirmed the incident and described it as unfortunate.

He stressed that no policeman was allowed to kill any person without lawful justification, as such action was a violation of the constitution and the laws of the land.

He said the officer had been arrested while investigation had also commenced, adding that the policeman would be prosecuted.

The commissioner also expressed his displeasure over the destruction of police stations and vehicles by the irate youths as their action would not bring back the dead.

Shado, the son of a retired police officer, was buried on Saturday at Magongo, amidst tears and encomiums from his relations and friends.