

## Three feared killed in police, cyclists clash

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**T**WO policemen and a commercial cyclist were feared dead in a clash at the weekend in Warri, Delta State.

Also, a police patrol vehicle was burnt in the fracas.

According to a source, the clash started at the Upper Erejuwa Road in Warri South Council when some policemen mounted a road-block and allegedly demanded for N20 from each cyclist.

The source told *The Guardian* that a particular cyclist refused to pay the N20 and one of the policemen allegedly got angry and threatened to shoot the cyclist.

As the cyclist drove off, he was shot in the back and died on the spot.

Aggrieved by the development, other motorcyclists swooped on the policemen as they tried to drive away. Two of the five officers were allegedly beaten to death, while others escaped and abandoned their official vehicle, which was promptly torched.

The state police command yesterday began investigation into the matter. It was learnt that the chairman of the Commercial Motorcyclists Association in Warri South Council had been arrested.