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Two feared killed at Ondo police check point

From Julius Alabi, Akure

SUSPECTED gunshots by a mobile policeman at a checkpoint in Idanre town in Ondo State have killed two persons and injured one, The Guardian has learnt.

An eyewitness account said in Akure yesterday that the incident happened at the weekend when a bus driver refused to give N20 allegedly demanded by the mobile policemen who mounted roadblock in the area.

According to him, the incident happened at Yaba area of the town when the bus driver who had stopped for checking refused to part with the N20 allegedly demanded.

It was learnt that as the driver was trying to escape, one of the mobile policemen chased him and threatened to shoot if he refuse to part with the money.

As the driver was trying to escape, he ran into a commercial motorcycle and killed the cyclist's passenger.

It was gathered that the passenger died instantly before sympathisers could render any help.

It was learnt that when the news of the woman's death got to the community, the people mobilised and took the corpse to the police station in the town to protest the death, but when the mobile policemen saw the protesters, one of them opened fire and killed another person.

It was also gather that the third person who was hit by a bullet was on danger list in an undisclosed hospital in the town.

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However, when contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Adeniran Aremu, said he had not been informed about the incident but promised to speak on the issue immediately when he gets any information on it.

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