

Suspected killer cop to be arraigned in court today

Ilaro, headquarters of Yewa South local council of Ogun State yesterday boiled as youths of the town embarked on a violent protest against the alleged killing of a commercial motorcyclist allegedly shot by a police corporal, Awoleke Moruf.

Moruf allegedly shot the victim for violating the restriction order earlier placed on all commercial motorcyclists in the state by the state Commissioner of Police, Abdul-Majid Ali.

The angry protesters, comprising commercial motorcyclists and members of the butcher association in the town barricaded all roads leading into and around Ilaro.

They also burnt disused tyres and threatened to “deal” with any policeman in sight for the loss. The over three-hour protest paralysed all commercial activities as shops, markets, stalls, banks as well as the council secretariat were hurriedly shut.

An eyewitness told The Guardian that three police officers had shot a commercial motorcyclist identified as Akanji Ahmed a.k.a Posi around 9pm on Wednesday at Igbo-Aje motor park, the main heart of Ilaro town.

It was gathered that the 32-year old Akanji, after closing for work, had gone to buy food on a friend's motorcycle but was intercepted by the three policemen on another motorbike, accusing him of contravening the CP's order, which had restricted okada movement to 9p.m.

All pleas by Akanji for the policemen to forgive him failed. The deceased allegedly allowed the officers to take possession of the motorcycle. According to the eyewitness, Akanji's refusal to part with N100 demanded by the police officers after taking possession of his motorcycle, forced the officers to descend on him, beating him to stupor.

“While still struggling to leave the scene, one of the police officers who accused Akanji of abusing them pulled the trigger and shot him at his back, which killed him instantly,” the witness stated.