

DPO, seven police officers arrested over extrajudicial killing in Rivers

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The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Mile 3, Nkpolu Police Station in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Baridon Monsi, and seven other officers have been arrested for allegedly shooting a man, Abdullahi Idris, to death.

The South-south South-east coordinator of Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF), Alhaji Musa Saidu told The Guardian that the deceased was a wheelbarrow pusher from Tambua in Gezawa Local Government Area of Kano State, hired to convey a generating set for someone who was also killed by the police over alleged generator theft.



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It was learnt that while conveying the generating set, Idris was accosted by a group of boys, who accused him of stealing the generating set. Saidu told newsmen that the deceased was brutalized by the mob before he was arrested and detained allegedly on the orders of the DPO in charge of Mile 3, Nkpolu Police Station.

Saidu said all pleas made by the deceased that the generating set was not stolen but was being conveyed was ignored. He added that when relations of the deceased went to the police station to secure his bail, they were informed that the deceased was no longer in their custody.

“The leaders of Hausa community in Rivers were pained by the information and took

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“Idris was only two months old in Port Harcourt. He was a wheelbarrow pusher before he met his untimely death. He was accosted by some persons who accused him of stealing the generator. We called the DPO and he asked us to come back in evening. When we came back we could not see the DPO. We called his line severally and he did not pick his calls. When we inquired further, we were informed that the DPO ordered his men to shoot the boy before the evening appointment he gave to us.

“The DPO told the police commissioner that the deceased was shot because he and his group wanted to shoot him. The DPO took the Commissioner to where the deceased was buried and the Commissioner ordered that the body be exhumed. He also directed that both the DPO and other police officers involved in the death of the deceased be arrested.”

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officers (PPRO), Mr. Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed the incident, adding that the DPO and four policemen have been arrested and detained over the matter. “I can confirm the incident. The DPO and four others have been arrested and investigation is ongoing,” Omoni said.

Meanwhile, an explosion from a gas rocked the magnificent Port Harcourt Mall, popularly called Spar, beside Government House, Port Harcourt, yesterday. Five workers of the mall were injured and are in critical condition at the Rivers State University Teaching Hospital (RSUTH).



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