

Police Officer Removes Uniform, Flees After Killing Truck Driver In Osogbo

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PANDEMONIUM struck in Osogbo, capital of Osun State, yesterday, as a Police officer shot a truck driver dead and fled the scene.

Eyewitnesses' accounts revealed that the deceased who was driving a Shekeena Global borehole drilling truck was brutalised before he was shot dead at the Ota-Efun area of Osogbo yesterday morning.

The drilling truck, it was gathered, broke down along Ikirun way around 10:30am.

The Guardian learned that the driver and his crew allegedly blocked the road while trying to fix the vehicle before the police officers reached the place.

An eyewitness said the police officer that came down from a mini commercial bus, popularly known as Korope in Osogbo metropolis, hit the driver with a shovel under the truck before he was shot with a pistol in the chest.

Eyewitnesses said the police officers, immediately after the act, took off their uniforms and ran away.

"Police were shooting guns

and teargas to scare away the angry crowd," an eyewitness said.

Meanwhile, the corpse of the driver was taken away by the police.

The incident led to a protest by road users, especially youths against alleged police brutality in the state.

However, the Chairman of NURTW Oroki Park, Osogbo, Adewale Kareem (Asiri Eniba) was on ground after hours, to pacify the angry protesters and encouraged them to open the blocked road.

Efforts to get the reactions of the Police proved abortive as the Command's spokesperson, SP Yemisi Opalola did not answer her phone calls put across to her cell phone at the time of filing this report.

Recall that in July, this year, some policemen killed a commercial motorcyclist identified as Saheed Olabomi at Oba road via Oke-Onitea junction, Ring Road, Osogbo. The policemen were said to have attempted to maneuver their way through a traffic gridlock before shooting Olabomi dead.