

One killed, station torched as Ondo teenager's death in custody sparks protest

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THE agrarian community of Ifon in Ose Local Council, Ondo State, descended into chaos following the alleged death of a teenage boy, identified as the son of a popular local figure known as 'Bobby', in police custody.

The boy was reportedly tortured after being arrested alongside his friend on February 14.

According to Oluwaseun Ogunmola, a youth and community advocate, the deceased and his friend were detained after a Valentine's Day altercation involving other youths in the community over a girl.

The arrest occurred after a



The torched house

group went to report the incident to the police following a party. Ogunmola alleged that the boys were brutally tortured, resulting in the

death of one in police custody and leaving the other in a coma.

"Those arrested were tortured severely. One died in

his cell on Saturday morning, while the other is currently in a coma at the hospital," Ogunmola said.

He added that the tragic news triggered a violent reaction from the deceased's family and friends, who mobilised to the Ifon Divisional Police Station and set it ablaze. They also burnt the house of the individual who reported the boys to the police.

Tensions escalated further on Sunday when police allegedly shot and killed the elder brother of the boy in a coma, identified as Bamise. The incident occurred during a protest staged by the comatose boy's family and friends.