

Tension Mounts In Kwara Community

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• Over Death Of Man At Police Checkpoint

Tension is mounting in the Malete community in Moro Local Government area of Kwara State following the death of a young man in a motorbike accident allegedly caused by some policemen at a checkpoint.

The policemen were reported to have attacked the commercial motorcyclist conveying the deceased young man known as Saidu which, eventually led to the accident which claimed the life of the young man.

Eye witness told our correspondent that the policemen attempted to stop the commercial motorcycle operator but he refused to stop. One of the policemen

allegedly hit the motorcycle operator on the head with his baton. The Okada rider lost control of the motorcycle in the process and crashed into a bush leading to the instant death of Saidu. The Okada rider himself sustained leg injury and was rushed to a private hospital at Elemere town the nearest town to the scene of the incident. The deceased was reported to be returning from Ilorin when the incident occurred.

The news of the death of the young man and circumstance of his death thus created tension in Malete community with the youths and members of the vigilance group in the

town vowing to avenge the death of the deceased.

The policemen who caused the accident reportedly fled the town in anticipation of a possible reprisal attack by people of the town as well as punishment by the police authority.

The Police Area Commander, Usman Daura confirmed the incident and stated that efforts are on to arrest the culprits. "We are not going to condone this in the police hence, we have set out our dragnets to capture the fleeing policemen and make them face justice," Daura said.

The village head of Malete community, Usman Abubakar has appealed to residents of

the community, especially the youths and members of the vigilance group not to take law into their hands. He urged them to allow the police do their work and track down the culprits with the view of bringing them to book.

"The police authority has assured me that it would spread its dragnet to the nooks and crannies of the state and would not allow the culprits to escape. What we should do is to allow the police do their work. We should not take laws into our hands rather we should allow the police do their work and allow the law of the land to take its course in this matter," Abubakar said.