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Five killed in police, okada riders' clash in Osun

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VIOLENT clash yesterday erupted between commercial motorcyclists and police claiming five lives while scores sustained serious injuries.

The violent clash broke out in Ilobu, headquarters of Irepo-dun Local Government Area of Osun State during the free-for-all fight, which occurred between the police and the motorcyclists otherwise called okada riders.

But the State Police Commissioner, Solomon Olusegun said that no life was lost in what he described as a minor riot misunderstanding adding that only two people including a civilian and a policeman sustained injuries in the clash.

The violent clash, it was learnt, broke out in the early hours of FRiday when a policeman at road check point mounted along Ilobu road attempted to stop an okada rider for N20 bribe but refused to comply, which made the policeman to hit him with the butt of the gun.

The action of the policeman, it was further gathered pushed off the motorcyclist who fell in front of an oncoming vehicle and was unconscious for several hours.

Following the report that the okada rider had died, his colleagues mobilised the people in the community and embarked on reprisal attack on the policemen who fled the scene to the nearby police station about 100metres.