

# Police kill two *Okada* riders in Ondo

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Hell was let loose in Okitipupa, Okitipupa Council Area of Ondo State, on Thursday when two *Okada* riders were reportedly killed by trigger-happy policeman.

Eyewitness told *Saturday Independent* that the incident occurred around 11 pm along Broad Street when a policeman who was on a night patrol allegedly demanded N20 bribe from an *Okada* rider.

The *Okada* rider simply identified as Akwanga was said to have refused to part with the money, maintaining that he did not operate that day.

This action reportedly infuriated the policeman who allegedly shot the *Okada* rider.

However, in the early hour of Friday, scores of youths believed to be friends of late Akwanga thronged Divisional Police Station in Okitipupa in a bid to avenge the killing.

During the process, another person was shot in what an insider described as defensive shooting.

Consequently, the youth became wilder, and barricaded major roads to prevent vehicular movement.

Police thereafter shot sporadically into the air thereby sending fears down the spine of residents.

Aggrieved youths later stormed the police station with dangerous weapons demanding for the killer of the two persons.

Many people sustained serious injuries and are now receiving treatment in various hospitals in the town.

It was learnt that other policemen on duty escaped into the bush for fear of reprisal attack.