

# POLICE INVADE IBADAN FIRM AS OYO SPEAKER'S DRIVER DIES IN OKADA CRASH

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**There** was commotion in Ibadan on Wednesday as about 20 anti-riot policemen, Mobile Police Squad, popularly known as 'Mopol', stormed the premises of Kollington Fisheries, New Ife Road, almost opposite Bola Ige International Market (BIM) former 'Gbagi' to protest the death of an Okada rider in an accident opposite the fish firm.

The lone rider was however identified as one of the drivers in the convoy of the Speaker, Oyo State House of Assembly, Monsurat Sunmonu.

It was gathered that the middle aged *Okada* rider on top speed, suddenly ran into a truck belonging to the fish company, which was negotiating its exit from the filling station beside the company, and not only hit the long vehicle, veered to his left and hit the median concrete.

The *Okada* rider was said to have hit the concrete with his head and was badly injured before he was rushed to the nearby hospital, Mercyland, where he was confirmed dead shortly on arrival.

As people gathered within the premises of the fish company, officials of the company rushed to the nearest Adelubi Police Station to report the incident.

It was however gathered that the rider was one of the drivers in the convoy of the Speaker, Oyo State House of Assembly, Monsurat Sunmonu, and that he was rushing to work early that morning.

But, according to Ademola Oloyo, a staff of the company, who witnessed the incident, the mobile policemen stormed the company about 30 minutes after during which both customers and members of staff were brutalised.


He said that during the invasion that took place around 6.30 am, customers, mainly female, who had come to pick their commodity for sale, and some members of staff had a rough deal in the hands of the mobile policemen.

were not spared as one of the drivers, popularly called 'Pele', was hit on his head with the butt of a gun by the police and was rushed to the hospital.

When contacted, the State Police Command spokesperson, Ayodele Lanade, refused to comment as he said his boss was not around.

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