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## Ibadan youths protest police killing

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**There** was commotion Saturday afternoon in Ibadan, Oyo State, as a large number of youths protested the alleged killing of an unidentified young man in the custody of the police at the Mokola Divisional Police Station.

The young men and women from Inalende/Ode-Oolo axis of the city converged on the ever-busy Mokola round-about, shouting invectives at the police as they marched to the police station with sticks, brooms and other items in their hands.

Sensing danger, the police used tear gas to dispel the protesters. This led to pandemonium as roadside traders, commuters and others in the vicinity ran helter-skelter to avoid the tear gas.

Vehicle owners coming from Dugbe, Sabo, Ojoo and Agodi Gate axis of the road, who suddenly found themselves in the midst of the commotion, had to abandon their vehicles avoid being caught in the web.

One of the protesters, who did not want his name in print, told our reporter that the protest was to register their displeasure over the killing of one of their own

while in the police custody.

It was gathered that the slain youth was arrested at a relaxation spot around the area on the allegation of smoking Indian hemp. He was taken to the station, where he was tortured to death on Friday evening.

As at the time of filing this story, efforts to get the police to comment on the story were fruitless as the phone calls put through to the Oyo State Command spokesperson, Olabisi Ilobanefor, were not answered.

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