

# Police Officer Allegedly Kills Female Colleague During Protest In Delta

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**ASABA** – The Delta State Police Command has lost a female officer who was reportedly killed by her colleague during a protest by some traders in Bonsaac area of Asaba, the state capital.

DAILY INDEPENDENT gathered that one of the cops went berserk and opened fire apparently to scare protesters but the bullet hit his female colleague who died instantly.

The suspected killer cop, it was learnt, is now cooling his heels at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID).

A witness told our correspondent that four policemen were detailed from the 'B' Division to quell the protest against a self-imposed chairman of petty traders in the area.

The source said that following the death of the female cop, the police operatives swooped on the area to effect indiscriminate arrest of women alleged to have orchestrated the protest and cramped them into detention cell at the command's headquarters in Asaba.

No fewer than 20 petty traders were said to have been arrested while several others fled the area to avoid the wrath of the operatives.

Investigation further revealed that some of the arrested petty traders have been released as at the time of filing this report on Monday.

Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Adeyinka Adeleke who confirmed the death of his officer Monday morning, simply said the “the case was under investigation with the SCID.”

Meanwhile, the initial protest was as a result of a face-off between a self-imposed chairman of landlords in Bonsaac area and market women whom the former sought to forcefully eject from their rented plot of land.

A source in the area alleged that the self-styled chairman of landlords, one Mr. Bidi, “has been molesting market women for a very long time and wanted to forcefully drive them from a plot of land they rented and set up caravans where they paid the owner of the land about N2,000 per month as rent for each container.

“He brought a bulldozer and connived with the Divisional Police Officer, DPO in-charge of ‘B’ Division who deployed four armed police officers to the premises of the plot to supervise the pulling down of the hapless women’s caravans.

“Having pulled down the source of their daily bread, which was neither obstructing vehicles nor water flow, the women demanded that the caravan at the landlord’s premises be pulled down too because he had informed them that the demolition was authorised by the Delta State Ministry of Environment,” the source said.

The source further revealed that following the persistence of the women for a thorough demolition including that of the chairman, “the police officers who were working on a directive, tried to use firearms to scare them but the bullet went off and hit his fellow police offi