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Stray Bullet Kills Pregnant Woman, Motorcyclist

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There was pandemonium at the Soka area of Ibadan, Oyo State, following reports of the shooting and killing of a pregnant woman by policemen keeping watch over the Ritualist's Den discovered in Ibadan.

A motorcyclist was also shot by the bullets, said to be stray.

LEADERSHIP gathered that trouble started when some youths in the area who claimed to have received a text message from one of the ritualist's victims who said he was still in the forest, attempted to go into the area which was being guarded by the police.

In an attempt to disperse the youths who were becoming uncontrollable, the police were said to have fired gunshots in the air and the stray bullets killed the

duo.

Some of the youths were said to have gone naked to protest the killing of one of them and the death of the woman and as the atmosphere in the area became tense, some people around scampered for safety.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the state Governor, Abiola Ajimobi who was visiting the scene 72 hours after Saturday's discovery of the kidnappers' den in Idi Mangoro, Soka area of the state capital ran into the protesters who tried to prevent his convoy from moving by dragging one of the corpses in front of one of the cars.

Attempts by the protesting youths of the area to use the deceased's corpse to prevent the governor's convoy were however rebuffed by the police, led by the state Police Commissioner, Mohammed Indabawa.

Following their inability to stop the convoy, the irate youths were said to have pelted cars in the convoy with stones before the governor left the scene.

When contacted for comments on the incident, the police commissioner declined comments, saying the reporter was there and witnessed everything so there was nothing to add.

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