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A police source who pleaded anonymity disclosed at the command headquarters, Ikeja, that the policemen were enforcing the Lagos State law restricting commercial motorcyclist from operating in some areas in the metropolis when the riders resorted to violence.

He said the riders had attacked and killed two policemen and wanted to kill more before the policemen killed six of them.

He said people scamped for safety when the violence became so serious.

He chided the riders for being violent against the police.

LEADERSHIP investigation revealed that the policemen were impounding the motorcycles at the restricted areas when some of the riders reinforced and invited their colleagues to attack the police.

One of the okada riders, Adamu Mohammed, said the police should have sympathised with them instead of impounding their machines.

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