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STUDENT'S DEATH: Youths Protest Police Involvement

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The alleged killing of a Senior Secondary School II (SSII) student, Abubakar Sadiq, by police in Kuta, Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State caused chaos in the area over the weekend as youths took to the streets protesting the killing.

The youths claimed that the boy was killed by a team of policemen on patrol after being hit by the police with a butt of their gun for not stopping to be checked.

But the police insisted that the boy ran into a truck as he tried to evade police patrol team.

The boy, who is a student of Umar Faruk Bahago Secondary School, Kobwa-Kuta, the irate youths alleged, was hit by the police with the butt of their gun while riding on his motorcycle last Wednesday.

The youths claimed that Sadiq fell from the machine when hit by the police and remained unconscious for three days before giving up the ghost Friday night in an hospital in Kuta.

Findings revealed that the incident occurred when Sadiq was coming back from a neighbouring village to Kuta when he was stopped by the police but allegedly refused to stop.

The youths, who insisted that the police caused the death of the boy, went on a rampage when they heard of his death. They took to the streets and marched towards the divisional police office in Kuta protesting the death.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the state command, Ibrahim Abiodun Gambari, (DSP), confirmed the incident but stated that the deceased was not hit by the police but rather he ran into an incoming van while trying to evade the police patrol team stopping him.



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