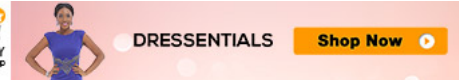


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TRAGEDY: Stray Bullet Kills Okada Man During Protest

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The protest embarked upon by motorcycle riders, popularly called 'Okada', in the last couple of days in Ankpa local government of Kogi State yesterday resulted in the loss of one life.

It all started when it was alleged that Senior the Special Assistant (SSA) to the governor on local government matters posted to Ankpa disagreed with the Okada Union over the fees to pay.

Coupled with issue of fee was the issue of reflective jackets for proper identification of Okada riders, ostensibly because of the security challenges facing the ancient town of Ankpa where cult war rages frequently, with cultists using Okada to perpetrate mayhem on people.

According to eyewitness, the motorcyclists, supported by some political leaders, blocked the local government council gate, ostensibly to stop the SSA from gaining entrance into the premises.

In the ensuing confusion, the bullet fired by a policeman to disperse the disorderly protesters hit one of them identified as Ademur and he died on the way to hospital.

The SSA, Alhaji Ibrahim Abagwu, told our correspondent that he had asked Okada riders in the LGA to wear reflective jackets as obtained even at the state headquarters because of the security challenges in the state, but that they refused, leading to the fracas.

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