## Two confirmed dead in clash with police

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**▼**WO persons have been confirmed dead in a clash with the police in Oke- Agbe, Akoko North West council of Ondo State. The clash followed the allegation of extortion of money, lev-elled against the Division Crime Officer (DCO) by

some youths. Two others who sustained injury are at the

Federal Medical Centre

Owo. One of the victims, Gabriel Ayode died on the spot after he was allegedly shot by the policemen who had laid

ambush for them in Aje community, Oke- Agbe. The other, simply known as Basiru was said

known as Basiru was said to have died at the Federal Medical Center, Owo.

The Nation gathered that trouble started when the said DCO, who has been extorting money from the youth visited a beer parlour in Aje and demanded for a bottle of beer. The youths reportedly ignored the DCO whom they claimed they bought four bottles of beer for the previous day.

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According to one of the youths, the police officer later left the joint in an-noyance and subsequently mobilised his men to the

On his return, the DCO was alleged to have ar-rested some of the boys

and later detained them at the police station for an undisclosed offence. Irked by this develop-

ment, the youths who were armed with leaves staged a peaceful protest to the police station. But they were however, unlucky. It was alleged that the DCO and other police officers had laid ambush for them

on their way to the station.
The police were said to have fired at the youth and

four persons were hit.