

Protester shot dead, three others injured in Lagos

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•Abubakar Alimi...yesterday

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Pen Cinema Police Station, Agege, Mr Segun Olubumi, allegedly shot four protesters yesterday in Ogba, Lagos.

One of the protesters, identified as Ademola

Aderintobi, 28, died. He was allegedly shot in the upper part of his lap, close to his pelvic region.

Other youths, who were also injured, are recuperating at County Hospital, Ogba.

Those on admission are Samuel Egbujor, 23; Abubakar Alimi, 24; and Joy Monday, 20.

The Nation learnt that Police Commissioner Yakubu Alkali ordered the arrest of the DPO, a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP). He was disarmed.

It was gathered that the DPO, who drove in a patrol pick-up van marked 'RRS 101 LA, allegedly opened fire on innocent residents who were said to have blocked the road with tyres and were playing football on the street.

It was learnt that on receiving the report around noon, Alkali ordered the arrest of Olubunmi, who was handed over to the Homicide Section of the Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba, Lagos.

A source at the Police Headquarters quoted Alkali as saying: "I warned all the Divisional Police Officers (DPOs) to avoid the use of gun. This DPO (Olubunmi) has to carry his cross. I did not send him to kill any innocent Nigerian. So, he has to face the law."

The police chief described the protest in Lagos as peaceful but lamented the DPO's action.

Many people have condemned the DPO's action as "callous".

Angry protesters carried the body of the victim to the Pen Cinema Police Station in a wheelbarrow, chanting war songs and dirges.

Olubunmi was said to have been whisked away by detectives from the SCID. He has reportedly been detained, pending interrogation and investigation.

The DPO was in charge of the state Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in Ikeja.

When The Nation visited County Hospital, the injured protesters were seen lying in bed in one of the wards.

Dr. Azzun Amos, who attended to the victims, said their condition had stabilised.

He said he needed to carry out x-ray examinations on the patients to ascertain whether or not bullets were lodged in their systems.

The doctor said the hospital was able to stabilise the victims' conditions, adding that they had not been billed because the hospital is interested in saving their lives first before talking about their bills.

Egbujor, a student, said he was shot at the Yaya Abatan Street junction when he was returning home after reading the day's newspapers at a nearby newsstand.

He said he was encountered by a pick-up van loaded with armed policemen.

According to him, one of the policemen jumped down and started shooting indiscriminately on sighting a group of boys playing football on the street.

Ejiofor said he was hit before he could run to safety.

Alimi, a businessman, said he was watching those playing football when he heard gun shots.

Monday told The Nation that he was sharing hand bills to those on the scene of the football match when he saw a policeman shooting at everyone.

He said he was trying to escape when he was hit by a bullet.

At about 2pm, a group of protesters stormed the County Hospital,

chanting anti-government slogans.

One of them, who identified himself as Tunde, said they brought the victims to the hospital.

According to him, they were turned back at the state's hospital where they first took the victims.

He added that they were at County Hospital to thank the management for being humane.

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the DPO was in charge of the special anti robbery squad,he is used to killing innocent victims and calling them arm robbers,maybe he didnt remember that it was just a protest or too much blood has covered his eyes. I just hope the police will investigate and deal decisively with the blood thirsty

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**Omahaba**

THE ENTIRE PATROL TEAM SHOULD BE DISARMED AND ARRESETED. THEY HAVE SOILED THE IMAGE OF THE POLICE. THE TRACK RECORD OF THAT DPO SHOULD BE CHECKED. IT WILL NOT BE SURPRISING TO SEE THAT HE HAS KILLED SO MANY INNOCENT SUSPECT AT SARS IN THE PAST. MAY GOD NOT HAVE MERCY ON HIS DYING SOUL

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**Yes**

Na so he who plays the piper dictates the tune let the DPO take his cross by himself.

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ARM ROBBERS AND KIDNAPPERS CARRY OUT THEIR CRIMINALITY ACT WITH INPUNITY.

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lanrewaju

The Nigerian policemen over the years have committed several crimes against the Nigerian people, and the worst part of it is that they have always gone unpunished. We seriously hope that this time we will get justice

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Goxon

Though it is ridiculously barbaric at this our stage in Nigerian for policemen to shoot at innocent citizens, but who would you blame, of course it is to be expected. Since it has been happening all these years, we have never seen any of the offending officers brought to book to serve as deterrent to others. This is because all along it is the masses who is affected. If they once kill the son or daughter of an influential person, I think something will be done.

Of course that is a minor issue compared to the wickedness of a leader who through thoughtlessness has thrown the whole nation into chaos. How many people will die (not through bullet) in hunger as a result of not being able to afford all the things which price have shot up their double.

I know one thing that is certain, the judgment of God is just around the corner for oppressors of the masses. Thank God Goodluck Jonathan is a Christian and his accomplices are literate, let them read the bible in the book of Numbers 35: 33.

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That first hospital that rejected the gunshot victims should be closed down without delay

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Lekky2001

Is DPO Olubunmi a human being or not? Is a Yoruba man or not? Is he deaf and dumb? For him not to have behaved humane and like a Yoruba man who has good omen for sympathy. And for not to have listened to radio, seen the screen for news or read the news paper of what is going on in Nigeria on Fuel subsidy. for him to

have had the gut of shooting to innocent and harmless citizen on the street when for sure him and his family will definitely eat the dividends of this protest when eventually yielded good result. Dan is ska, sege.

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Dafe Sama

It is rather very unfortunate that Nigeria should go through this kind of crisis at a time when other countries of the world are working towards a better future for their citizens, imagine some Nigerian police officers shooting and killing innocent Nigerians who on the street protesting peacefully for a change that all Nigerians will benefit from, including the police, my advise to government is to introduce a firm system that can sincerely screen the past for character and criminal records of applicants when applying to join the Nigeria police and this should include other security agencies

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