

## Residents protest alleged police killing in Ibadan

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SOME residents of Orita-Challenge area of Ibadan reportedly staged a protest yesterday against alleged killing of two people by policemen in the area.

It was learnt that a commercial motorcyclist carrying a woman crashed while trying to avoid policemen at a checkpoint.

The two were said to have died instantly thereby triggering a protest against the policemen.

The angry mob was eventually dispersed to prevent the burning of the Orita-Challenge Divisional Police Station.

But the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Mr. Femi Okanlawon, denied the allegation.

He explained that one middle-aged woman, identified as Rasheedat Alamu, was crushed to death by a trailer whose brake failed at the time.

According to him, the incident occurred at Orita area of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital around 8:45 am.

He said that the trailer marked XG 297 BDJ was coming from Challenge and facing Podo when its brake suddenly failed.

It eventually knocked down a commercial motorcycle conveying the deceased, he claimed.

The driver of the trailer, identified as Aluko Ogunsijiremi, was said to have attempted to escape with the vehicle but was trailed by the police until he was arrested.

Okanlawon stated that the driver and the trailer were in the police custody to aid investigation.

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