

Afao Road, ~~Ado~~

## Civil Defence officials 'kill' commercial motorcyclist

• Police: we're investigating his death

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**O**FFICIALS of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) have allegedly killed a commercial motorcyclist, Mr. Michael Ogunrinde, in Ado-Ekiti.

The state Chairman of the Association of Commercial Motorcycle Riders, Mr. Ademola Olu-Martins, said Ogunrinde, 50, popularly called *Newman* by his colleagues, followed other officials of the association to the headquarters of the Corps on Afao Road, Ado-Ekiti where they were allegedly attacked and beaten up by NSCDC officials.

He said Ogunrinde died last Friday morning from the injuries he allegedly sustained during the attack.

His remains have reportedly been deposited at the mortuary of the Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH).

Mr. Olu-Martins recalled that members of the association had gone to the NSCDC headquarters to make clarifications in respect of the death, last Thursday morning, of an official of the NSCDC.

He said the official was killed by a vehicle, which hit the motorcycle he boarded from behind when he was heading for the NSCDC headquarters.

Said He: "We went to their office on Afao Road to secure the release of our members, whom they arrested and took to their office. We also wanted to explain that their officer called Taiwo Adesuyi died when the *okada* conveying him to their headquarters was hit from behind by a vehicle and that none of our members was responsible for the accident.

"Our move turned out to be a mistake. Instead of reasoning with us, they attacked us with dangerous objects. We were taken unawares.

"One of us, Ogunrinde, who is lying there (pointing to the deceased), sustained injuries in the head. He died early this morning. Two others are in the hospital receiving treatments. Their condition has improved."

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Sotonye Wakama, who confirmed the death, said an autopsy has not been carried out to ascertain its cause.

He added: "We are aware of the death, but we have not come to a conclusion regarding its cause. We know there was a fracas during which someone sustained injuries.

"We are not sure that the *okada* rider died from the injuries sustained or that the death was a result of other factors. An autopsy would have to be conducted to ascertain the cause of his death. Until the conclusion of investigation, we cannot speak on the cause of his death."

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