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One feared dead in police, okada riders clash

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ONE person was feared dead and scores injured yesterday when policemen and commercial motorcyclists clashed at Ogolonto in Ikorodu, Lagos.

But Lagos State Police chief Fatai Owoseni said there was no such clash, adding: “There was no riot in Ikorodu. There was no fight between police and motorcyclists. If police arrested motorcyclists, they are doing their job. No one was killed or injured”.

The Nation gathered that the incident occurred about 9am, after the policemen allegedly impounded about 500 motorcycles.

The policemen allegedly raided parks to arrest the motorcyclists.

The angry motorcyclists reportedly vandalised government properties, including Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) and LAGBUS vehicles.

An eyewitness, Fadeel Akinlolu, said the incident caused a traffic gridlock which lasted for over an hour.

He said: “I saw more than five people injured on the ground. I really cannot say if anyone died because I was inside a bus. The problem started after policemen arrested about 500 *okadas*. The angry *Okada* riders started attacking government properties, which led to a fight with the policemen and state government officials. It took over one hour for calm to return and the gridlock cleared.”

Saying there was no such incident, Owoseni stated: “We heard there was an issue there but the Area Commander and the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) were with me at Ikotun. So, I have released them so that they can go and investigate. They are yet to give me feedback, I will get across to my public relations officer (PRO) to issue a release once they get back to me.”



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