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Protest as trigger - happy cops 'kill' three in Ondo

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THERE was pandemonium at Ilara Mokin in Ondo State yesterday evening after some trigger-happy Mobite policemen allegedly killed three youths.

It was gathered that an irate crowd had blocked the street at about 4:30pm, protesting the death of a young man identified as Olatomirin, who was crushed by a state government mass transit bus.

Olatomirin, who was driven by a motorcyclist, died on the spot.

Angered by the development, the youths were said to have taken to the street to register their anger, prompting the council chairman as well as policemen in the area to appeal for peace.

But as the peace talk was ongoing, it was learnt that Mobile policemen stationed at Igbara-Oke stormed the area, shooting sporadically.

Their gunshots, it was gathered, knocked three of the village youths down including one Busayo Famoku.

The death of their colleagues was said to have angered the youth, who for several hours, blocked the Akure road, causing heavy gridlock.

It was gathered that it took the intervention of the Ondo State Deputy Commissioner in charge of Operations, Ishola Dambaruwa to take the youth off the road.

However, the state Police command denied knowledge of the shootings.

Spokesperson for the command, Femi Femi said he was only informed of the accident involving a commercial bus and a motorcycle.

"The motorcycle had two people on it. The passenger, I was told died immediately, while the rider was rushed to the hospital. I do not know the name of the hospital. I don't also know the registration number of the vehicle.