

Protesters sack Nigeria Customs post in Benin over killing of driver

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The Nigeria Customs Service post at Ovbiogie village in Ovia North East local government has been sacked by angry protesters after a commercial driver was shot dead.

An operational vehicle of the NCS was set ablaze while Customs officers on duty fled as the protesters overpowered them despite heavy shootings.

It was gathered the victim was accosted by some Customs officers on duty and two bags of rice were found inside his bus.

Eye witnesses said the driver was asked to drop the bags of rice because they were suspected to be contraband.

The witnesses said an argument occurred and the driver was shot dead.

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According to one of the witnesses, “The customs men stopped the man for carrying two bags of foreign rice. They said the man should drop the rice.

“After that there was an argument and the man was shot dead. All we want is justice.”

The protesters vandalized the NCS post at Ovbiogie and carted away some goods already seized.

It was a reinforcement of soldiers that stopped the protesters from causing further damage.

A top official of NCS who pleaded anonymity said the men involved were from the NCS Federal Operating Unit in Owerri, Imo State.