

Commercial motorcyclists dump colleagues' body at governor's office



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Several commercial motorcyclists othersie known as okada, on Friday invaded the Governor's office in Calabar, Cross River State, to protest the death of their colleague, who was allegedly killed by members of the State's security task force.

The protesting motorcyclists dragged the corpse of their colleague right into the premises of the Governor's Office, smashing windows and attacking anyone that resisted them.

The deceased, it was gathered was thoroughly beaten up by members of the task force until he became unconscious around Ikot Ansa in Calabar.

He died while being taken by his colleagues to a health facility, hence, his angry colleagues dumped his body at the Governor's office.

The protesting okada riders stormed the governor's office and overpowered three security personnel at the gate.

They damaged some items at the gate, tore the official security registers and approached the main entrance reception, where they smashed the glass doors.

As they became more violent, reinforcements of armed soldiers from 13 Brigade of Nigerian Army and policemen from the nearby state police command arrived to contain the situation.

It took several gunshots fired into the air to disperse them. A couple of them were rounded up by security operatives.

His body was later taken away by the police.

The State's police spokesman, Irene Ugbo, said the victim fell from his motorcycle and died when the task force team wanted to arrest him for violating the restriction order on okada plying major roads.