

Police avert riot as truck kills masquerade in Lagos

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Operatives of the Lagos Police Command on Wednesday prevented violence after a truck crushed a masquerade to death in Mushin.

The incident occurred along Isolo road around 2:30pm.

It was learnt the truck laden with plywood crushed the masquerade around the market axis.

The masquerade was said to have died on the spot while two others allegedly passed out.

In no time, angry traditionalists gathered and attempted to lynch the driver, setting the truck ablaze.

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It was gathered that the driver allegedly fled to the nearby Area D Command while the mob stormed the police station to demand his be handed over to them.

Our correspondent, who was around the scene, observed that vehicles were making detours as the traditionalists blocked the expressway.

As the crowd became riotous, the police released teargas, causing protesters and other road users to scamper to safety.

People were seen running with their hands covering their nostrils and mouths.

Police spokesman, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the incident but added that it had been brought under control.