

Youths protest killing of popular trader



Okungbowa Aiwerie, Asaba



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Hundreds of angry youths, yesterday, stormed the headquarters of the Delta Police Command in Asaba over the death of a popular trader allegedly shot by a policeman for refusing to part with N100 bribe.

The Nation gathered that the trader identified as Onyeka Ibe, was allegedly shot along the Ugbolu-Illah road on his way to his shop at Ogbegonogo Market in Asaba, Delta Capital.

He was said to have been driving a Toyota Camry into Asaba when he was flagged down at a police checkpoint on the outskirts of the town.

An argument, it was learnt, ensued after Ibe refused to part with N100 bribe. He dead was said to have forced the market to shutdown.

The youths, who besieged the command headquarters along Okpanam Road, demanded the arrest and prosecution of the trigger happy policeman.

The protest caused gridlock along Nnebisi and Okpanam roads that forced motorists to detour.

The protesters, armed with fresh leaves marched along Nnebisi/Okpanam road, singing solidarity songs. Pockets of unrest were reported at other locations within Asaba metropolis.

They rolled the corpse along Nnebisi road on a stretcher from the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba to the Delta Police Headquarters in Asaba- a distance of almost two kilometres.

Delta Police image maker, DSP Bright Edafe who confirmed the incident said the policemen has been arrested and made to face the music