

Police shoot father of one dead in Kubwa



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... As CP detains officer for accidental discharge

Police operatives on patrol at Kubwa, on Wednesday night, allegedly shot and killed a father of one, Onybuchi Anele, at close range with teargas after a minor incident involving a motorcyclist.

The incident happened close to Haj Estate, where the deceased lived with his young wife and one daughter in the evening of Wednesday.

An eyewitness who pleaded anonymity told our correspondent that: “The deceased, while on his way home, hit an okada man and his passenger and after stopping and making sure the accident victims were okay, decided to head home in the Haj Estate when the police arrived at the scene”.

The witness further explained that trouble started when the policemen, who arrived the scene, decided that the deceased must follow them to the station even after the okada man and his passenger had left the scene, which triggered a quarrel and led to the police shooting a teargas canister into the eye of the witnesses.

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He explained that the church members of the deceased and his estate neighbours came out and took the deceased to Kubwa General Hospital, after which he was referred to National Hospital Abuja, where he eventually died around 8am on Thursday.

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Friends of the deceased who were at the hospital with him until his death, said the issue had affected his wife’s mental state.

“The woman started behaving as if she wanted to get mad. In a short time, she would sit, a little more time she would move with force and start running. She had to be smuggled into a vehicle and hurriedly whisked away. We had to deceive her that her husband was still alive whereas the corpse had been deposited in the mortuary,” one of his friends, Mr Ndubuisi Nwaneri said.

However, when the FCT Police Public Relations Officer, SP Josephine Adeh, was contacted, she said the Police Command in the Federal Capital Territory has detained one of its officers over an accidental discharge that led to the death of one Onyebuchi Anene in Abuja.