

Policeman shoots two dead in Ekiti



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Two middle-aged men have been shot dead by a police man attached to the [Ekiti State Police Command](#). The incident happened on Tuesday night at Omisanjana Area of Ado Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital when one of the team of policemen deployed to prevent breakdown of law and order, following an accident in the area, had an accidental discharge from his gun.

The Nation gathered that while trying to disperse some irate youths, who had wanted to lynch the the driver, the bullets hit two of the youths. The victims were rushed to the Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH) where they were confirmed dead.

The spokesman for the Ekiti State Police Command, Sunday Abutu, said the cop responsible for the shooting was in custody.

Abutu, in a statement yesterday in Ado-Ekiti, said investigation into the incident was ongoing, adding that justice would be served.

The statement reads, "On 28/05/2024 at about 22:30hrs, a serious motor vehicle/ motorcycle accident occurred involving a Lexus car and a Jincheng motorcycle along Omisanjana Area of Ado-Ekiti.

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"The Command, upon receiving the information, deployed the State Traffic Section to the scene to ensure there is no breakdown of law and order as well as ensuring the safety of the victims.

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“On getting to the scene, the operatives met a resistance as some irate youths disallowed them from performing their lawful duty and insisted on carrying out jungle justice. This necessitated a call for re-enforcement to assist the officers on ground.

“However, in the process, one of the officers accidentally fired a shot that fatally injured two persons.

“The officer responsible for the shooting has been disarmed, arrested and detained and shall be made to face disciplinary action immediately.

“While the Command is already in touch with the two families of the deceased, the Ekiti State Commissioner of Police, CP Akinwale Kunle Adeniran, condoles with the families and assures them that discreet investigation has commenced and justice shall prevail.”