

# Protesters burn police station in Ondo



- ***Command denies torture of suspect***

Protesting youths have razed a Police Division in Ifon, headquarters of Ose Local Government, **Ondo State**.

It was gathered that the protesters carried out the act after a boy identified as Tobi Bobade died in police custody.

A friend of the deceased is said to be in a coma at a hospital.

Sources said the fight began among some youths after the Valentine's Day celebration and two of them were dragged to the Police station. One of them was said to have died the following day.

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It was gathered that news of the death led to protests and attacks on the station. A building belonging to the family of one of the boys that took the deceased to the station was also razed. An eye witness said signs of torture were visible on the body of the deceased.

Spokesman for the Ondo Police Command, Funmilayo Odunlami, said the deceased was not tortured.

Odunlami said the deceased was brought to the station weak and died while receiving treatment in the hospital.

In a statement issued after Commissioner of Police, Wilfred Afolabi, visited Ifon for an on-the-spot assessment of areas affected in the attack, the CP condemned the attack and arson on the Divisional Police Station and ordered an investigation.