

Soldiers beat policeman to death, injure 2

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SOME soldiers in Saki town in Oke Ogun area of Oyo went on rampage on Thursday and attacked some policemen on duty, killing one of them and injuring two.

Nigerian Tribune source said that trouble began when a man in mufti on a motorcycle was approached by a traffic warden for contravening the law by parking close to a bank.

An argument reportedly arose between the okada rider and the traffic warden, unknown to the policeman that the man was a soldier.

When another policeman posted to the nearby bank noticed an argument in front the bank, he was said to have told the okada rider and the traffic warden to move away because of the distraction they were causing.

As this was going on, according to the source, some soldiers who were also in mufti but also

on okada got down and reprimanded the policeman for what he said.

The man's colleagues were said to have attacked the policeman and even tried to disarm him, but they ran away when they saw that he could decide to make use of his rifle.

However, one of the men was caught and taken to the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Saki Division, Mr Bappah.

While Bappah was said to be making efforts to reach some senior army officers in the town to resolve the issue amicably, the soldiers who ran away reportedly mobilised their colleagues and started attacking policemen found in their places of posting.

The deceased, Corporal Opeyemi Olaoluwa was reportedly attacked at a community bank he was guarding.

After beating him, he was said to have been handed over to a team of Operation Burst before the Divisional Crime Officer of Saki Division arrived and identified him as a policeman.

Unfortunately, he died before he could be taken to the hospital for treatment while two other injured policemen were rushed to the hospital for medical attention.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Olabisi Oku-

wobi-Ilobanafor said that the remains of the policeman would be brought to the University College Hospital, (UCH), Ibadan for autopsy.

When contacted, the Assistant Director, Army Public Relations, 2 Division of the Nigerian Army, Lt. Col. Mustapha Anka confirmed that there was fracas between a soldier in mufti riding an okada and the police, but said he could not ascertain if there was any casualty.

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SECURITY agencies will henceforth include sponsors of gang wars in Lagos in their list of would-be scape-goats.

The disclosure came from

the state Commissioner of Police, Umaru Manko after the state security council meeting, Wednesday.

A statement by government spokesperson, Ha-keem Bello stated that the meeting under the chairmanship of Governor Babatunde Fashola (SAN) warned all

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