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There was tension in Ado Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital, as youths took to the streets in protest of alleged killing of one of them by a policeman on Thursday night.

The youth, for over two hours, protested what they referred to as the extra-judicial killing of Mr Seun Awoyemi by the police.

The protesters, bearing cutlasses, bottles, stones, cudgels and other weapons, made a bonfire at Ojumose Junction in the heart of

the town and damaged the newly-constructed roundabout in the area.

At the Okesa and Ojumose areas of the town, they disrupted vehicular movement and caused some business owners to hurriedly close shop.

However, the police authorities in the state have deployed men in the flashpoints and restored order to the areas.

The grandmother of the deceased, Mrs Abigail Awoyemi, told journalists on Friday in Ado Ekiti that some policemen had besieged their home at Ojumose on the excuse that they were searching for a suspect that had robbed a man of N5000.

She alleged that they broke the door to Seun's bungalow, adding: "When they entered, they alleged that Seun was the one who committed the robbery, but I said he couldn't have done that. But all of a sudden, I heard a gunshot and by the time I got to the room, I saw Seun in the pool of his blood."

Mrs Awoyemi called on the state governor, Dr Kayode Fayemi, to set up a panel of enquiry into the killing, saying the action was "unjust and extra-judicial."

In a reaction, the Public Relations Officer of the command, Mr Victor Babayemi, claimed that it was the deceased that first made attempt to kill the policeman but the policeman acted fast by pulling the trigger.

According to Babayemi, the policemen had besieged the house upon receiving a distress call from someone that he was robbed in the area.

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