



Five people were between Friday night and early Saturday feared dead as hoodlums clashed with policemen at Ajegunle area of Ikorodu Expressway in Lagos State

The police in the state, however, denied that anybody was shot by policemen from the command and that 23 members of the hoodlums had been arrested

The crisis created serious confusion and traffic gridlock along Ikorodu Road as the hoodlums blocked the expressway on Saturday morning, before they were dispersed by anti-riot policemen

Sunday Tribune gathered that the irate hoodlums were protesting the death of two of their colleagues, who were reportedly shot dead by policemen on Friday night

They claimed that a team of

policemen had raided a suspected criminal hideout around Ajegunle River and were chasing some of the hoodlums when they opened fire on them.

A resident of Majidun area, who simply identified himself as Dapo, told the Sunday Tribune that there was heavy gunshots by policemen to dispense the hoodlums on Saturday morning

He said " we heard that some of the boys were smoking Indian hemp near the river , when policemen tried to the and the all ran into different directions "

Dapo continued that the policemen chased them until they jumped into the lagoon and two of them died but the policemen did not wait again . They left them there and went away

The Sunday Tribune however gathered that the hoodlums accused the police of shooting their colleagues , prompting their mobilization on Saturday morning and blocked the expressway

The hoodlums vandals about four commercial vehicles as they threw stones , broken bottles and other objects on the expressway, creating serious panic among motorists .

The image maker in charge of the state police command , Ngozi Braide , while speaking on the incident denied that anybody was shot in the Friday night raiding by policemen from Owode Onirin police station

Braide also confirmed that two members of the hoodlums jumped not the lagoon but nobody had recovered their corpses as at Saturday evening

She also confirmed that twenty three of the hoodlums were arrested for taking the law into their hands and that the police had begun investigations into the incident.

Gunmen kill journalist in Kaduna

THE peace in Unguwan Dosa suburb of Kaduna was shattered on Friday night when gunmen shot and killed the General Manager of a Kaduna-based weekly newspaper, the New Democrat, Mallam Uztaz Yunus Adam, throwing the area into fear and confusion.

He was buried according to Islamic injunction on Saturday at the Unguwan Dosa Muslim cemetery.

He was shot on the head by the gunmen after he broke his fast at about 7.15 pm inside his residence located in Ungwa Dosa area of Kaduna North Local Government area of Kaduna State.

Close neighbours said the gunmen who were about 7 in number, stormed the area in Rickshaws, popularly called Keke NAPEP, and one amongst them who wore a mask, shot and killed the deceased.

Spokesman of the Kaduna state Police Command, SP Aminu Lawan who confirmed the incident, said it was a robbery attack.

"It was a case of armed robbery, the robbers came and demanded for some items from the man, they collected some items and thereafter shot him dead.

"The police have already commenced investigation into the robbery and killing and will not leave any stone unturned to apprehend the perpetrators," he said.

Another neighbour, who craved for anonymity, said: "Please I don't want my name mentioned, the man was my neighbour.

Shortly after the prayer for breaking of the fast was called, he went to the mosque and prayed, then came back to break his fast

and went inside the bathroom to ease himself only to come back to meet his family with the group of seven young men with his wife. One of them wore a mask and it was the one wearing the mask that actually shot him after ordering the family members into a room. They came in a Keke NAPEP and zoomed off thereafter, not carting away any of their property.”

Reacting to the news of Adam’s death, the publisher of the New Democrat Newspaper, Senator Mukhtar Ahmed Aruwa, described the deceased as a fine gentle man who will be missed.

According to him, “it cannot be a case of armed robbery; they did not take anything from his house. They only took away their phones. I will ensure that the police carry out a thorough investigation into the killing.”

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