

Youths protest police accidental killing in Ibadan

Culprit will be brought to book —PPRO

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YOUTHS in 7Up-Olomi area of Ibadan, on Monday morning, mounted roadblocks with bonfire on roads in the area, in protest against an alleged killing of a 24-year-old tanker driver, Lekan Agboola, on Sunday evening by men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in Oyo State.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the young man was allegedly shot dead by a team of policemen from

SARS, on Sunday evening, along 7Up road, Olomi, in front of a cafeteria around 9:00p.m.

Early on Monday morning, the **Nigerian Tribune** gathered that friends, family members, colleagues and residents in the neighbourhood, took to the streets in protest over the killing of the young man, threatening brimstone if the culprit was shielded from facing the wrath of the law.

Sources further informed that the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), at the Sanyo

police station, had been on ground since Sunday midnight, to curtail the outrage of the people, over the sad event.

Reliable source disclosed to the **Nigerian Tribune** that the DPO with other police officers kept close watch on the irate protesters, to avert any situation that could lead to breach of peace in the area.

The Chairman of Oyo State National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Alhaji Taofeeq Oyerinde, according to a source, had appealed to

the late Lekan's friends and family to ensure that the matter was put under control, even as security operatives were still patrolling the area.

Also, the Caretaker Chairman of Oluyole Local Government Area, Prince Ayo-deji Abass-Aleshinloye had paid a condolence visit to the mother of the deceased over the incident, just as he appealed to the emotion of the protesters, over the matter.

Narrating the scenario to **Nigerian Tribune**, Lekan's brother, Gbenga Ajakaye revealed that one officer who was quite known to the family, and simply identified as 'Simisere' led the team of SARS and ordered one of them to shoot at the deceased.

When contacted, the Oyo State Police Command Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Superintendent of Police Olabisi Ilobanafor confirmed the incident.

She said Deputy Commissioner of Police, Sam Okaula has ordered a high powered investigation into the matter, adding that all the officers in the squad have since been detained.