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CSP, 3 others arrested for killing okada rider, passenger

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Four police officers, led by a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) in Nguroje, Taraba State Police Command have been arrested for crushing an Okada rider and his passenger to death for allegedly refusing to “settle” them at a checking point.

The incident, which occurred on Monday, in Nguroje village, led to a revolt by the locals, who took law into their hands

and burnt down the Police station, attacking any Policemen within sight.

The Taraba State Commissioner of Police, Compol Ademola Omole made this known in Jalingo, the Taraba State capital, on Tuesday, at the police command headquarters.

According to Omole, the Police asked the duo to stop at a check point but they refused and the policemen took their van and followed them. It was in the course of pursuing them that they were crushed.

He noted that the officers involved, which are already arrested are being investigated by the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) and will be punished adequately, if found guilty.

The Police also paraded a father and his six sons alongside three others for “illegal possession of arms and live ammunition and attempt to commit offence”.

The suspects, according to the statement made available to Nigerian Tribune, include Tanko Atohikon and his sons Ato, Daniel, William, Magai, Elisha, Tsvkyahi Tanko. Others arrested include Musa Muhammed, Yusuf Musa and John D. Bala, who is the Chairman of the Local vigilante. They will be charged to court after the preliminary investigation.

Recovered from the suspects is one double barrel gun, one single barrel gun, one locally made Revolver Pistol, three axes, 48 live Cartridges, among others.

The Commissioner used the opportunity to restate the Commands' commitment to rid the state of crime and called on the Public to avoid the temptation to take laws into their own hands but to always report issues to the police.

“The Police Command will not relent in its effort at ensuring that criminals are not only arrested but that crimes are prevented from happening at all,” the Commissioner noted.

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