

70-year-old dies in police custody in Ondo

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MEN of the Special Anti Robbery Squad (SARS), Ondo State command, have been alleged of killing a 70-year-old man identified as Gbenga Omolo while in their custody.

Omolo, a member of the National Union of Road Transport Union (NURTW) was said to have been arrested illegally by

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men of SARS after having an altercation with one of the security operatives last week.

According to a source who explained that there was a light traffic jam along Oda road which was caused by the security personnel's car, but when the commercial driver got to the scene to investigate the cause of traffic gridlock, there was an altercation between the officer and the driver.

Omolo was said to have questioned the police officer who was not in uniform, not knowing that he

was a police officer, which infuriated the officer and started beating the driver while some sympathisers came to his rescue.

The police officer left the scene of the incident only to reappear the following day, mobilising his men to the mini garage being used by the drivers, arresting some of the drivers at the park before Omolo was arrested.

Omolo was said to be detained at the police custody at Oda road where it was discovered that the man had died when his relatives came to bail him.

Irked by the development, the drivers' union mobilised themselves to protest the illegal torture and arrest of their member who died in police custody at the police headquarters in Igbatoro.

A source said that Omolo was tortured to death by the officers after the police officers demanded for the sum of N150, 000 for his bail which they could not raise on time.

He said the members of the NURTW were surprised to meet the dead body of their colleague

after raising the sum of N100, 000 to secure his release from police custody.

He, however, said that the policemen involved had been arrested and detained at the police headquarters along Igbatoro road, Akure.

The family of the deceased when contacted declined to speak on the issue, saying the state Commissioner of Police had invited them to his office to discuss the matter, but members of the NURTW had threatened to take the matter to court to fight the injustice.

Reps adjourn plenary to honour late colleague

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THE House of Representatives, on Wednesday, adjourned its plenary session to honour one of their colleagues, Honourable Sheik Abubakar, who reportedly died early hours of Wednesday.

The late lawmaker, who just got re-elected to represent Katsina Central, Kastina State for a second term, was said to have