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## Police, 'Okada' riders' clash claims one, 25 arrested

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ONE commercial motorcyclist was killed and another one seriously injured late on Tuesday night as police clashed with 'okada' riders during a raid on 7th Avenue in FESTAC area of Lagos State.

The commercial motorcyclists had reportedly prepared for the coming of the policemen and engaged them by throwing broken bottles and other dangerous weapons at them.

Lagos Metro gathered that the policemen in self defence shot into different directions and killed one okada rider and injured

others in the process.

Twenty five people have been arrested by the police in connection with the inci-

dent.

The deceased rider and the injured one were identified as Emmanuel Omofula

an indigene of Cross River State and Audu Michika from Adamawa State.

The policemen were re-

portedly mopping up commercial okada operation within FESTAC town.

The death of the motorcy-

clist created serious tension around FESTAC town. The police at FESTAC reinforced with their counterparts from the Rapid Response Squad and the Special Anti Robbery Squad to ward off any reprisal attack from the colleagues of the deceased okada rider.

## Pipeline killings: Police beef up security in Ikorodu communities

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MONDAY'S alleged killing of some policemen by suspected pipeline vandals might not be unconnected with the lack of cooperation between the police at the local divisional area and the Inspector General of Police Task Force Team

on anti-pipeline vandalism.

The state police command is also stepping up security operations around pipeline communities in Ikorodu area of the state to curtail the activities of pipeline vandals.

A source at the police headquarters told Lagos

Metro that "the CP is very worried over the reports of the killing of his men by pipeline vandals, especially in Ikorodu."

It was also gathered that there had been a frosty relationship between the two police units on who should be responsible for the protection of the pipeline in

the area.

Residents of the area also blamed the police, especially men of Owutu divisional police station for the constant loss of lives of police officers.

They alleged that the policemen were more interested in collecting bribe from the pipeline vandals than to curtail their activities.

A commercial motorcyclist in Ola Inukan village, speaking on the latest killing, said that "the police are not cooperating with each

## Oil marketers remanded in prison over illegal possession of products

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FIVE men have been charged before a Federal High Court sitting in Lagos for unlawfully dealing in petroleum products.

The accused persons are Babatunde Abiodun, 47, Ikechukwu Robinson, 51; Salawu Bashiru, 24; Yusuf

Street traders on the march to sell their wares in traffic gridlock. PHOTO: SYLVESTER OKORUWA