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# Pregnant woman dies at police checkpoint in Ogun

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AN unidentified pregnant woman, on Thursday afternoon, lost her life while on her way to the hospital for delivery at Ibiade in Ogun Waterside Local Government Area of the state.

The deceased, who was being taken to the hospital, the **Nigerian Tribune** learnt died at a police checkpoint.

It was gathered that the driver of the motorcycle con-

veying the woman from Zion in Ibiade to the hospital was stopped by policemen at Sowore river checkpoint for questioning.

Angry youths in the locality, however, stormed the Abigi divisional police headquarters with the body of the deceased, blaming the police for her death.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed the incident to the **Nigerian Tribune**.

Oyeyemi said the officers were on official duty enforcing the lockdown directive when a motorcycle with three occupants was stopped at the checkpoint.

He said the occupants of the motorcycle were stopped for defying the social distancing order of only two occupants on a bike.

"Our officers were not responsible for the pregnant woman's death. There were three occupants on a motorcycle, as against the directive

of the state government that only two people should occupy a motorcycle at a time.

"They were stopped and interrogated on why they did not obey the 'sit at home' order and they informed the police that the woman was being conveyed to hospital for delivery and immediately they were asked to go," he added.

**Nigerian Tribune** learnt that prompt intervention of community leaders saved the situation from snowballing into a crisis.

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