

# Two feared dead as police foil attempt to set formations ablaze in Lagos

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**T**HERE were violent protests in Ile Epo area of Alimosho and Elemoro in Ibeju-Lekki areas of Lagos State on Monday as residents protested against the death of two persons from the activities of policemen.

Violent commercial motorcyclists from the northern part of the country attacked Ile Epo divisional police station and attempted to set it ablaze in protest against the death of a commercial motorcyclist, which was blamed on the high-handedness of the police in the area.

Police were still trying to

control the irate motorcyclists when residents of Elemoro mobilised and attempted to burn the Elemoro Area Command to protest the killing of a driver by a policeman.

The driver was reportedly accused of trying to evade arrest when he was shot by a policeman.

*Nigerian Tribune* gathered that trouble started at Ile Epo when policemen attached to Ile Epo police station were trying to impound a motorcycle belonging to a certain Amisu.

Amisu was trying to evade arrest by the policemen when he was reportedly crushed to death by a truck around Pipeline area.

The news of the death of

Amisu generated instant reaction from his colleagues who mobilised themselves and went on rampage, vandalising properties in the area.

The incident, which occurred at about 11:30 a.m. on Monday, caused serious confusion as schools were hurriedly closed while parents stormed their children's schools to take them home.

In another incident, a yet-to-be identified driver has reportedly been shot dead in Elemoro area of Ibeju-Lekki by an unidentified policeman.

The deceased was reportedly driving when policemen attempted to stop his vehicle but he ignored

them.

One of the policemen was said to have shot the driver who died in the process, resulting in the violent protest by residents of Elemoro.

The state's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Muyiwa Adejobi, in a short statement on Monday afternoon, said: "The Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, has ordered for thorough investigation into the incidents."

"The command wishes to debunk the rumour that Ile Epo police station was set ablaze by the hoodlums.

"This news is false and should be disregarded. The command intends to give details of the incident as soon as possible."