

Policeman, one other killed, station set ablaze in Kogi

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A policeman and a civilian were killed in Odo-Eri community in Kogi State following the confusion that erupted after the police arrested two suspects who allegedly participated in robbing three banks in Egbe, in Yagba West Local Government Area of the state, last Tuesday.

It was gathered that the incident occurred after news filtered into town that the police had arrested some of the armed robbers who at-

tacked the three banks.

Upon hearing the news, some residents of the community stormed the police station in Odo-Eri to catch a glimpse of the suspected robbers and also demand they be handed over to them for jungle justice.

However, in the ensuing confusion, a bullet was accidentally discharged from the gun of a policeman, which led to the death of one person.

The development was said to have angered the people as they killed the policeman

and set the station ablaze, while they vandalised vehicles parked at the station.

It, however, took the intervention of operatives of other security agencies to repel the mob.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP William Ayah, while confirming the incident, said two persons were killed, while one other person sustained injuries during the mob's attack on the station.

Ayah said security agents, based on the directive of

the Inspector-General of Police, combed the Odo-Eri hill, where two suspected armed robbers were trapped when a police helicopter surveyed the area from above.

He said the two suspects were arrested and brought to the station, but the community besieged the station and demanded that they be handed over to them.

He said in the course of the confusion, a police officer was killed, while another civilian lost his life.