

# ② Protest as police kill deranged man who allegedly attacked patrol van, officer in Kogi

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A suspected mentally ill man identified as Paul Durowaiye was, on Saturday, morning shot dead by a police officer attached to the Kabba Area Command of The Nigeria Police.

An eyewitness, who did not want his name mentioned, disclosed to **Sunday Tribune** that the killing of the man angered youths in the area who protested against the action and allegedly set the old police barracks in the area ablaze.

Contrary to media report that Paul was shot as a result of argument with the police on price of sachet water, it was reliably gathered that the mentally ill young man allegedly hit the windscreen of patrol vehicle of the police with a pestle when the team parked at Odo-Affin to buy water.

The chairman of Kabba/Bunu Local Government Area, Mr Moses Olorunleke, while confirming the incident, explained that the remains of Paul Durowaiye had been deposited at a mortuary, promising to get to the root of the matter.

Olorunleke stated that security personnel were

quickly mobilised to avoid further breakdown of law and order as well as hijacking of the protests by miscreants to loot business premises.

He advised parents to warn their children against taking laws into their own hands, threatening that anyone caught fomenting trouble would face the wrath of the law.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Williams Aya, who also confirmed the incident, said that the attacker went ahead to attack the police officer.

He explained that when the police rifle fell, the attacker hit him again on the hand, while trying to pick up his gun.

He said the man was shot while his colleagues tried to rescue the officer.

According to him, the Kabba Area Command of the police was not burnt down by the irate youths as speculated in some quarters as investigations into the matter has commenced.

Aya added that the security agencies including the army were immediately mobilised to calm the youths, saying the situation had been brought under control.