

# Protest as policeman shoot corps member in Ibadan

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BUSINESS activities were on Thursday disrupted in some part of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, as students and traders took to the streets to protest the alleged shooting of a corps member in Oluyole Local Government Area by a police officer.

The victim was shot while on his way to the venue of a weekly Community Development Service at Idi Ayunre, Ibadan

The incident, which came barely two weeks after a similar incident at the Apata area in Ido Local Government Area, threw the entire neighbourhood into pandemonium.

One of the protesters wondered while an ordinary argument could descend to the level of shooting innocent citizen.

"Nigeria is not a banana republic. Justice must be served on this matter. This is not the first time police had killed innocent people in the state. Enough is enough.

"The last time, the Commissioner of Police, Ngozi Onadeko, assured the public that recalcitrant police officers would be brought to justice but nothing is done. Imagine the condition of the parents of the victim, having spent so

much to train him to this level."

It was learnt that the corps member had few months left to end his one year mandatory service.

A source informed the *Nigerian Tribune* that the victim, who was inside a private car, told the police officer that he was on his way to Idi Ayunre for CDS but the trigger happy officer seemed not to listen, stressing that his explanation alongside his friends fell on deaf ears of the yet-to-be identified police officer.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Adewale Osifeso in a text message promised to update our correspondent on the incident.

Also, in his reaction, the South-West coordinator of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), Olatunji Adegboye, said he was yet to receive proper briefing on the incident

He stated: "I heard that a corps member was shot by the police at Challenge area. Some of our guys are there, but I am yet to know the identity of the victim.

"The shooting of the Adeseun Ogundoyin Polytechnic student ought to have taught the policemen a lesson, but this has happened again."