5 Okada riders in Lagos police net for attacking patrol team, killing ASP

THE Lagos State Police Command said it had detained five commercial motorcyclists for interrogation over the death of an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) on lawful duty.

The command's Public Relations Officer, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, disclosed this on Saturday in a statement.

Hundeyin said that the suspects allegedly attacked a police patrol team sent on a rescue mission.

He said the police got a distress call on Saturday at about 1.40 a.m. that a motorcyclist ran into a trailer at WEMCO Junction, Mobil Road, Pen Cinema area of Agege and died on the spot.

The command's spokesman said that based on the report, a patrol team was mobilised to the scene.

"On arrival, the team met a large number of commercial motorcyclists gathered.

"However, the patrol team, in the process of evacuating the truck away from the scene, came under attack from the motorcyclists, who insisted on torching the truck.

"As a result, one ASP was injured on the head, and died on the spot, while the truck driver escaped. The corpses have been evacuated to Mainland General Hospital Mortuary, Yaba, for autopsy.

"Meanwhile, five suspects have been arrested and manhunt for other fleeing suspects is ongoing," Hundeyin said.