

Policeman beats driver to death in Ibadan

A police constable, identified as Stephen D.C., on Monday allegedly beat a commercial bus driver to death in Agbeni market, Ibadan, Oyo State capital, over the alleged failure of the driver to part with N100 bribe.

The incident triggered a clash between men of Iddo Gate police station and members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers, who marched on the police station in protest.

Commercial activities were temporarily paralysed at the adjoining Dugbe market when traders and shop owners scampered for safety.

It was gathered that the team of policemen from the station had embarked on an extortion spree at a checkpoint mounted at Amunigun area of the busy market.

The policemen were said to have flagged down the late driver who was driving a Toyota Liteace bus marked, Rivers AR 211 SAG, with traders on board, and demanded N100 gratification from him.

The refusal of the driver to oblige the policemen, on the explanation and pleas that he had just begun the day's work was said to have infuriated Stephen who promptly attacked the driver.