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Commotion as police kill two in Anambra

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Angry youths from Oba, a community in Idemili South Local Government of **Anambra** State on Sunday set ablaze a **police** patrol van and vandalised a **police** post.

The rampaging youths were protesting the killing of **two** people by policemen in the morning. They also blocked the vital Onitsha-Owerri Expressway and the Oba-Ichi road to underscore the seriousness of their protest.

The first victim of the **police** shooting was identified as Oghalanya, who was reported to be an Indian Hemp seller, and allegedly shot as he tried to escape **police** arrest.

The second victim, a commercial motorcycle rider, was said to have been killed by a stray bullet fired by the **police**, who had called for re-inforcement to dismiss the protesting youths.

The youths were allegedly trying to burn a **police** station.

A spokesman for the protesting youths, Mr. Dozie Nweke, condemned the action of the **police** operatives, wondering why the **police** should open fire on an unarmed person.

But he urged the protesters not to worsen the situation by resorting to violence, as he said dialogue was the best option in conflict resolution.

The **Anambra** State **Police** Public Relations Officer, Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka, who confirmed the story, said the killings resulted from accidental discharges.

He said the **police** on patrol were alerted that armed robbers were operating in the area, contending that the deceased were killed accidentally.

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- Its quite a pity that in this modern era we still have cases of reckless killings by those who should secure lives. The PPRO version of the story is at variance with the popular opinions of those who witnessed the incident. Govt should rise to her

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