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two police officers, an inspector and a sergeant, are dead after some motorcycle riders attacked them in the FESTAC area of Lagos.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the incident happened in the wee hours of Tuesday at 7th Avenue, High Close, while the policemen were raiding a dark spot in the area.

Our correspondent gathered from a resident that the incident was a reaction by the riders to the alleged regular harassment of the residents of the area.

The resident, who pleaded anonymity, said, "It happened at 7th Avenue, High Close at a place called Aso Rock. The police have always gone there to raid and extort the riders.

"On this fateful day, the police came again around 2.30am on motorcycles and with a truck.

"As usual, they started seizing motorcycles, clothes and money. They carried their loads and other things. It was while this was on that one of the people decided to raise the alarm, and people came out and attacked them."

He said the officers were men of the Rapid Response Squad, attached to Area E Police Command.

Corroborating the claim, a police source said, "The policemen were on patrol that night and had arrested some motorcycle riders. They were moving out, when some Hausa men around the 7th Avenue, apparently angry, came after them and attacked the officers with weapons."

One of the murdered police officers was identified as Inspector Bashiru.

It was learnt that while Bashiru died instantly, the sergeant gave up on Wednesday at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja.

The corpses were said to have been deposited at the hospital's mortuary.

When our correspondent contacted the Police Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command, Ngozi Braide, she denied knowledge of the incident.

Braide said, "I am not aware. I don't think anything like that happened."

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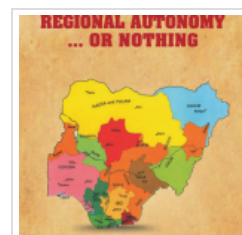
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