

Policemen flee after killing youth during raid in Lagos

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•Protesters during the protest. Photo: Nairaland

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A raid conducted by men of the Badagry Police Division in Lagos, ended in tragedy around 9pm in the town on Thursday, when a 23-year-old man identified as Joshua Sehungi was shot dead in the process.

The following morning (Friday), youths in the community marched in the streets in large numbers protesting against the killing of one of them. The crowd of youths alleged that the police in the town had turned to a killer squad hunting down youths for no just reason.

Our correspondent spoke with a youth in the community, who said that it was not the first time the policemen would conduct such raids in the town with the intention of picking up young men they believe to be hoodlums.

Pleading anonymity, he said, "He (Sehungi) was an apprentice with a plumber and he is well known in our area here. He normally closed late from work because of the nature of his job. There is a food vendor around our place who cooks food till late into the night.

"He was eating noodles there when the police team came and started shooting. They shot everywhere; into the air, into the street and into a group of people eating. That was when he was hit in the stomach.

"When the police knew that he had been hit and saw how bad it was, they got into their van hurriedly and ran away. Unfortunately, people cannot really identify the policemen in the van."

Saturday PUNCH learnt that the bullet tore Sehungi's stomach and spilled his intestines as

he bled profusely.

A crowd of sympathisers later took him to a hospital in Badagry, where he was pronounced dead as nothing much could be done to save him

The spokesperson for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Joe Offor, could not be reached for comment as of the time of filing this report as his phone line was unreachable.

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