

SARS policeman shoots motorist dead

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Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Fatai Owoseni

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A trigger-happy policeman has killed a patent medicine dealer, identified as Tochukwu Iro.

It was gathered that Tochukwu, 42, who just got married, was shot on Wednesday by the policeman, said to be from the Special Anti-Robbery Squad, because the deceased refused to stop when ordered to do so.

A source said, "The incident happened on France Road. The man was shot because he allegedly did not stop when he was ordered to do so by the police.

"He was shot in the thigh. Other SARS operatives immediately rushed him to the Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital, where he was pronounced dead."

As news of the death of Tochukwu spread, about 200 angry youths of Igbo extraction took to the streets in Sabon Gari to protest against the shooting.

The Chairman, Igbo Traders Welfare Association, Kano State, Chief Emmanuel Amadi, said Tochukwu

died on Thursday, 24 hours after he was shot.

Amadi stated that the protesting youths wanted the police to investigate the shooting and bring the offender to book.

He said, "The protesters are demanding justice. On our own, we have pleaded with them not to take laws into their own hands. All we are asking for is that the killer of Tochukwu be made to face justice."

The Kano State Police Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Magaji Majia, said, "The Commissioner of Police Kano State, Alhaji Rabi'u Yusuf, has ordered the arrest and detention of the team leader and his men.

"He also summoned the elders of the Igbo community in Kano to a meeting, where he sympathised with them and assured them that justice would be done.

"The outcome of the investigation will be made public as soon as investigation is completed."

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