

Ondo community youths protest policeman's death, sack monarch

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Some youths in Itaogbolu town in the Akure North Local Government Area of Ondo State have protested against the death of a policeman in the community

The cop, Ayo Oloyede, reportedly died in a road accident on Saturday.

It was gathered that the incident sparked off the protest on Sunday as the youths marched towards the palace of the traditional ruler of the community, Oba Idowu Faborode, and they reportedly chased him out of the palace.

A source said the angry youths accused the monarch of not performing his traditional functions of protecting his subjects. Some of the youths were said to have attributed the accident and death of the policeman to a spiritual attack which could be prevented traditionally.

The protesters were said to have barricaded the Akure- Ado-Ekiti Expressway, leading to gridlock.

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The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Tee-Leo Ikoro, who confirmed the incident, said " We got information that some youths in Itaogbolu went on rampage and chased the monarch out of his palace.

"We really don't understand the connection between a policeman who died in an accident and the monarch of the town. But Our men were on ground to put the situation under control."

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