Pandemonium as Lagos motorcyclists kill policeman, destroy patrol vehicles

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Chief
Superintendent
of Police,
Kazeem Abonde, has
been killed during a
clash between policemen

clash between policemen and motorcyclists in the Ajao Estate area of Lagos

State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the policemen were carrying out enforcement in the area on Thursday when they were resisted by the riders, who protested against the seizure of their

means of livelihood.

The situation was said



· Scene of the incident

to have snowballed into a clash and resulted in the death of Abonde, who was reportedly hacked to death.

Our correspondent saw

• Abonde a photo

a photo of the bloodied remains of the policeman as he lay motionless by



• CP Hakeem Odumosu

the roadside. The victim's head appeared to have been smashed with some objects

Another photo captured no fewer than 10 persons milling around a damaged patrol van inscribed with the Lagos State Police Command.

A source told our correspondent that the policemen involved in the incident were attached to the Ajao Police Station.

"Everywhere is tense; we don't know what exactly caused the fight, but we know that there was a confrontation between motorcyclists and the policemen attached to the Ajao Police Station," the source added.

However, a passerby was heard lamenting in a video clip that the policemen were attached to the Lagos State Environmental and Special Offences Unit.

The passerby, while urging residents of Ajao Estate to be conscious of the insecurity occasioned by the clash, also showed a blue police van that was said to have been damaged during the clash.

PUNCH Metro gathered that motorcyclists in the area had stopped operation due to the clash, as residents trekked to their various destinations.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Adekunle Ajisebutu, promised to react to the incident after getting full briefing.

He had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.

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