

Lagos policeman kills trader in Alaba market

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A yet-to-be-identified trader has been shot dead by a policeman at the Alaba Rago Market, Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the police invaded the market to make an arrest but were resisted by traders.

The situation resulted in a clash between the policemen from the Okokomaiko division and the traders.

A policeman was said to have fired a shot that hit a trader, who died from the gunshot injuries.

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The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, in a post on *Twitter* on Tuesday, said an investigation had commenced into the incident.

He wrote, "*Policemen of Okokomaiko Division today went into Alaba Rago Market to effect the arrest of a suspect but came under heavy attack from a large number of traders.*"

"In a bid to tactically retreat from the armed mob attack, one of the officers fired his weapon, resulting in a fatal injury to one of the attackers."

Within the space of two months, policemen in Lagos State have been accused of killing at least six persons in the state.