

Protest in Edo as stray bullet kills man

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THERE was chaos at the Benin-Asaba Expressway, by Iguomo Junction on Wednesday evening, when a stray bullet allegedly fired from a police gun hit and killed a resident in the area.

The yet-to-be-identified victim was said to have been hit by the stray bullet in front of the house of a PoS operator

where he had gone to send N4000 to his wife in his village.

A source in the area that preferred not to be named, disclosed that police operatives were in the area to arrest some hoodlums.

He said, "Some Benin boys had an issue with the police and policemen stormed the area to make some arrests. In the process, they fired their guns at

the fleeing boys and the bullet hit the victim and he died on the spot.

"The victim was said to have just transferred the sum of N4000 to the wife. When he heard of the commotion outside, it was said that he decided to run for cover, only to be hit by the stray bullet.

"Being that the entire area is populated by non-indigenes, they came out in large numbers,

blocked the road in protest. They even vandalised some police vehicles that passed the area this (Thursday) morning."

The irate youths who were armed with sticks and machetes, erected barricades and set bonfires on the highway and ensured that no one have access to the either side of the road on Wednesday to protest the killing of one of them.

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