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## Policeman killed in clash with Plateau community okada riders

James Abraham, Jos

A violent clash that erupted between commercial motorcyclists, popularity known as okada riders, and police officers in Jos North, Plateau State, has resulted in the death of a policeman.

Arewa PUNCH learnt that the incident occurred on Saturday night, March 1, 2025, at around 8:30 p.m. near Moonshine Hotel, where police officers were conducting a "stop and search" operation.

According to eyewitnesses, the Okada riders, who were allegedly

violating the state government's restriction order on their operations after 6 p.m., became aggressive when police officers allegedly attempted to extort money from them.

The situation was said to

have escalated into a violent confrontation, with the Okada riders attacking the police officers with stones, sticks, and machetes.

A resident of the area, Kabir Habib, said, "The okada riders have been complaining of extortion by the police. Rather than going after criminals, the okada and tricycle riders, who were also breaking the restriction on movement order at that time, alleged that the police were busy extorting monies which ranged from N100, N200, and at other times, N500 and N1,000 from them.

"In the process, some of the cyclists and keke riders who could not take the extortion any longer mobilised themselves and descended on the security personnel, leading to chaos."

It was further gathered that a policeman, identified as Inspector Mohammed Kile Tahir, was severely wounded during the clash and later pronounced dead at a nearby hospital.



## ises health concerns, others over water scarcity



• Bauchi-Karofi women and children on a long queue as they battle to get some water

meeting the needs of the community.

"It's like chasing a mirage as every attempt to secure reliable water falls short of

expectations," he stated.

Waptang, who said that he is very optimistic that one day, the relevant authorities in charge of their