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A policeman serving in the Anambra State command was yesterday lynched by a mob while allegedly trying to arrest a suspect at Oye Olisa market in Ogbunike community, Oyi Council Area.

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Although, the police denied the victim was there to arrest anybody, eyewitnesses disclosed that the incident was not unconnected to the disenchantment by the youths that policemen from Oyi division invaded their community to arrest somebody in another police division.

The source further said that Timaya and his team had arrived in the market at 9am when the angry youths resisted the arrest and in the melee, the mob overpowered him while his colleagues escaped.

"Timaya came to Oye Olisa with five other policemen, they went to arrest somebody but it was like the youths resisted the arrest on ground that they had come for an illegal duty. They demanded why they came for an arrest in Ogbunike which is a stone's throw to Ogidi police station. There was disagreement and the mob rose against them, others escaped but Timaya could not, he was lynched."

Daily Sun gathered that Timaya's body was left on the major road in the pool of his blood before men from the Ogidi police station picked him and deposited it at a nearby mortuary.

When contacted, the command's spokesman, Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka, said he had not been briefed by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) where the deceased was serving and promised to get back to Daily Sun. He did not at press time.

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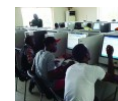
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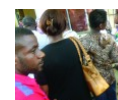
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