

# Police, netizens react as mob lynches Plateau motorist

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**The social media has been inundated with sharp criticisms over the alleged lynching of a motorist in Jos for allegedly brushing a motorcyclist.**

Daily Sun gathered that a young man, identified as Fwimbe Gofwan Thomas was heading home around 9 pm on Wednesday when the bus he was driving allegedly brushed a motor cyclist along Tudun Wada area of Jos North.

Eyewitnesses say that immediately some group of motorcycle riders gave him a hot chase and double crossed him along Domkst Bali road

They were said to have clubbed him to death with stones and sticks before bolting away.

It was gathered that the incident created tension in the community.

However, a netizen, Makut Alfred Mashat, expressed dismay at the incident, saying that Plateau has become a Banana Republic.

Writing on n the Plateau Polls Debate Page, Mashat said, “Has Plateau now become a Banana Republic where a fellow Plateau man will be lynched to death for no just reason? Kai jamaa.

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Another netizen, said, “Who in the name of everything wicked, would do this to a fellow human being? This guy does not deserve anything of this kind, please.

Whoever has a hand in this, will never know peace till they confess and repent. And for any one politicising it, shame and dishonour shall be their portion, in the pans of the living.

Meanwhile the Commissioner of Police, Okoro Julius Alawari, said that he’s miffed over the incident.

He condemned the killing of Thomas who was found lying in a pool of his own blood along Tudun Wada Ring Road, Hwolshe in Jos.

A statement signed by the Police Public Relations Officer, Alfred Alabo, said “Sequel to a report of the incident by a credible informant on 25/09/2023 at about 2230hrs, the Police Patrol Team attached to Anglo-Jos Division swiftly rushed to the scene of the cruel incident where they found the victim lying in a pool of his own blood beside a damaged Suzuki Mini Bus with Reg. No. KWK 536 XA, with multiple injuries on his head.

“The victim is suspected to have been cruelly beaten to death by some hoodlums, suspected to be commercial motorcyclists popularly known as “Okada Riders” whose operation in Jos Metropolis/Bukuru metropolis is illegal.

“Photographs of the victim were taken, the vehicle was towed to the station and the body of the victim was taken to the Plateau Specialist Hospital where he was confirmed dead by a medical doctor. The corpse has been deposited at hospital’s morgue for autopsy.

“The Plateau State Police Command wishes to inform Plateau residents and the general public that efforts are on top gear to apprehend the killers of Mr Fwinbe Thomas.”



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