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Policeman kills 27-yr-old man in Ibadan

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A 27-year-old video camera operator, Demola Muniru, was on Monday shot dead in Ibadan by a policeman who with his colleagues stormed Opopoyeosa area at about 12:51.p.m. on routine raid on suspected criminals.

Eyewitnesses revealed that Demola, who sat in front of Anibiire Compound, took to his heel when he sighted the policemen. He was chased to a corner by two policemen in plain clothes where he was said to have been shot three times. They said Police from Mapo Station always visited the area on routine basis to raid suspected Indian hemp smokers.

One of the policemen was reportedly given the thorough beating of his life by the angry mob who seized his identity card. The policemen who pulled the trigger escaped with excuse that he wanted to go for the vehicle that would convey Demola's corpse.

When newsmen visited the scene of the incident, the Warrant Cards with Force Number 212727 belonging to Corporal Elufisan Kayode and another with Number OYS/W3/033 bearing National Orientation Agency seized from the policemen by the crowd were shown to them.

Hundreds of youths in the area assembled themselves, took the corpse to a private television state at Oke-Are and to the state government secretariat, Agodi to register their annoyance to the killing of Demola. They later made bonfire at the Opopoyemoja junction over the incident

One of the youths said Demola was shot at close range with two bullets entering his right and left lungs. He said they did not know why the police from Mapo Station would always come to the area to harass them. "Most times, they will come and after arresting anybody, they would demand for money and once they were given like N1, 000, they will release the person. What is all this?" he queried. The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for the command, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi (DSP), confirmed the incident. She explained that the gun exploded when the deceased attempted to disarm one of the policemen, adding that in the process bullet hit one young man.

According to her, Corporal Kayode Elufisan, with F/No212727 from whose



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gun the shot was fired has been detained, pending further action from the State Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

According to her, "Police detectives from Mapo Station actually went to Abebi area of Mokola Division to carry out an enquiry in a case of burglary and stealing. On arrival with a female suspect already in the police custody, Indian, hemp- smoking miscreants inclusive of the suspect being looked for, violently attacked the detectives with dangerous weapons.

"The main suspect tried to disarm one of the policemen, in the process, his gun went off, bullet hit one young man (name unknown). Victim died on the way to hospital. Riotous mob engaged police reinforcements in clashes, and they attempted to burn down Mapo Police station."

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