

Irate okada riders burn VIO official alive as trailer crushes 3 riders to death

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Angered by the death of their members allegedly caused by officers of the Vehicle Inspector Officer (VIO) in Mariga Local Government Area of Niger State, some okada riders yesterday burnt a VIO official to death.

Confirming the incident yesterday, the Niger State Police Command said the motorbike riders were crushed by a trailer and they died on the spot.

Speaking to journalists in Minna after Juma'at prayers yesterday, the state's Commissioner of Police, Adamu Usman, said: "A mob of protesters have burnt one Ahmed Bello, a VIO officer, in Mariga Local Government Area of the state.

"It happened on October 3, 2019 at 1:30pm when three

Fulani youths namely Malami Mohammed, Juli Musa and Dawa Ali of Oro village in Mariga Local Government Area refused to hearken to the VIO's order to stop when asked to.

"They were riding on an unregistered Bajaj motor cycle; they were chased by the VIO and they ran into a moving trailer with registration No. FKJ 512 XW that was coming from Teginia- Kampani Bobi area. They were crushed by the trailer and died on the spot."

The Commissioner of Police stated further that, "on realising what happened, the VIO ran towards Kampani Bobi Police outstation for safety. Unfortunately, he was pursued by an irate mob. They overpowered our men at the outstation lynched and burnt him alive".