

Protest over Checkpoint Killing in Awka

An apparently unprovoked shooting at a police checkpoint on the popular Nnamdi Azikiwe Avenue, Awka, Anambra State, yesterday evening literally pitched the residents of the capital city against the police in the area. A trigger happy policeman at a checkpoint in front of St. Paul University on the avenue had shot at a private red salon Camry car with registration number DF 231JJJ, Lagos, killing one of the two occupants instantly, shattering his head. Although nobody could tell the reason for his action other than the "stop and pay N20 roger" which the mobile policemen said to have been deployed to the state from the mobile unit 47 in Zaria, Kaduna state in the last quarter of last year had turned the check points into lately. But no sooner had the mobile police officer shot the young man of about 35 at the backseat of the car, barking invectives than residents and bystanders who witnessed what happened confronted them.