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Customs Officers Shoot Pregnant Passenger, Abscond

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Some customs officers stationed at the Ilase Customs checkpoint, on the Owode-Idiroko Road, yesterday shot a passenger, Alhaja Fausat Ayode, who was pregnant, to death and absconded for fear of being lynched by an irate mob.

THISDAY gathered that pandemonium erupted in the area as the irate mob made to attack the customs officers who fled to their unit at Owode-Idiroko.

It was also gathered that when the officers who were deployed in the checkpoint from the Federal Operating Unit (FOU), Owode-Idiroko, absconded, the mob, numbering over 300, went on the rampage, and set the checkpoint on fire.

When contacted, the Commanding Officer, Nigerian Army 192 Battalion, Owode, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammed Ahmed, confirmed the incident, adding that peace had been restored to the area through the efforts of his men.

He said: "At the Customs checkpoint at Ilase, the Customs officers, acting on the suspicion that the said vehicle conveying the passengers, including the

deceased person, were smugglers, tried to intercept it.

"Preliminary investigations revealed that the taxi driver allegedly tried to manoeuvre past the checkpoint when the Customs officers fired at it.

"Eyewitness account said the officers probably tried to shoot at the tyres of the vehicle to incapacitate the car but he miscalculated and incidentally hit one of the passengers who died on the spot."

He added: "I was informed by the Customs Controller General about the crisis and I mobilised my men to the area and restored peace because over 300 agitated youths from Ilase and Idiroko had stormed and burnt down the checkpoint. The youths had also blocked the road causing serious traffic snarl.

"The speedy response by my men and the Operation MESA brought the situation under control and ensured that there was no casualty from the riot. For now, my men are still stationed in the area to forestall any recurrence of violence."

When contacted, the Customs Public Relations Officer (CPRO), Forward Operating Unit, Ikeja, Mr. Uche Ejiesime, did not debunk or confirm the story as he directed THISDAY to the spokesman for the Idiroko unit.

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