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Ado Ekiti—At least, two persons were feared dead yesterday in Ado Ekiti during a clash between the commercial cyclists, otherwise known as Okada riders and the police

The clash, Vanguard gathered was due to the alleged refusal of the commercial cyclist to part with the sum of N20 bribe (egunje) along Ado Ekiti/ Ikere Road

It was gathered that the police at Ologede area along Ikere Road had mounted a road block in the highway and ordered the Okada man who was conveying a passenger from Ado to Ikere

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to stop and drop ‘something’

But the Okada man was said to have refused to this request and the police in a bid to stop the man rolled a big log which was said to have hook the wheel of the machine, while the okada man and the passenger were invariably knocked down on the road

The incident was said to have drew the attention of the passers’ by who quickly rushed the Okada man and the passenger to the hospital for medical attention

Words had gone round that the cyclist had die, the development that geared -up violent reactions from the remaining other cyclists

The okada riders therefore mobilized themselves and decided to burn down the police station

The police subsequently opened fire and hit two persons who were said to have died before they could be rushed to the state’s specialist hospital , Ado Ekiti

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