

Youths protest killing of mate by policemen

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LAGOS—YOUTHS numbering about two hundred, weekend, stormed Area 'G' Police command, Ogba, Lagos, protesting the alleged killing of a teenager by a team of policemen from the command, who went to raid at Agege area.

The deceased, identified as Taiwo Emida, was allegedly shot in front of his compound at number 3 Iju road, Agege, last Wednesday at about 11pm, when the team of policemen were raiding a black spot in Agege which served as haven for criminals.

In the process, the deceased said to be in the company of his other siblings and friends was reportedly arrested. He was said to have put up struggle as a result of which a bullet from what was described as an accidental discharge, reported-

ly hit him in the stomach.

The teenager was said to have been immediately rushed to the Ikeja General Hospital but was rejected, before being taken to the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) where doctors reportedly succeeded in removing a bullet. But the situation took a tragic dimension on Sunday, when the 16-year-old breathed his last after much effort to remove a second bullet.

When news of his death filtered into his Agege residence, youths armed with dangerous objects reportedly marched to Area 'G' command to protest the killing and at the same time demanded that the team that carried out the raid be released to them for jungle justice. They were said to have taken over the entire Ogba and were at the verge of attacking the station but for the arrival of a team of Mobile Policemen from MOPOL 20 and 22.