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## Mayhem in Osun as police kill 2 brothers

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The sleepy community of Ikirun, headquarters of Ifelodun local government area of **Osun** State, was yesterday thrown into pandemonium following killing of **two** brothers by policemen at a checkpoint.

In a reprisal attack, a policeman was killed while the **two police** stations located in the town were torched.

The DPO for Ikirun **police** division, Abiodun Alabi, who was injured during the attack, was, at press time, on danger list at the state General Hospital, Asubiaro, Osogbo.

Police commissioner, Olusegun Solomon, confirmed the incident.

It was gathered that the **two** brothers, Lukman Adesina and Taiwo Adesina, were shot dead by a **police** corporal at a checkpoint along Osogbo road following their refusal to part with N20 bribe.

It was gathered that the **police** were mounting road block on Ikirun-Osogbo road when motorcyclists carrying **two** other passengers was waved down and his refusal to stop made the policeman to fire the motorcyclist which killed killed him instantly and wounded the **two** passengers.

It was gathered that the three men on the motor bike were children of the same parents. Those killed by the **police** were identified as Likman Adesina and Taiwo Adesina. Following the killing, the people around gathered and attacked the Motor Traffic Department (MTD) in Ikirun and the **police** station.

The mob also killed the **police** constable while the station was razed.

It was gathered that while the mob attacked the **police** station, some of the officers at the station took to their heels.

Some of them were not all as lucky as they were wounded by the mob. The divisional **police** officer (DPO), whose name was given as Abiodun Alabi, was rushed to the State General Hospital, Asubiaro where he was receiving treatment.

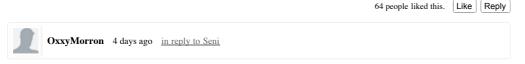
The state commissioner of **police** confirmed the incident but said that **two** people, a civilian and a **police** officer, died in the incident.

He said that though he did not have the details of the incident, the policeman shot the motorcyclist while the mob killed the **police** constable in return.

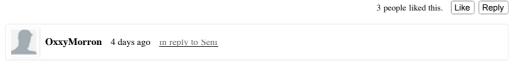
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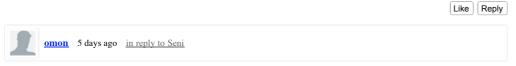
May the soul of the dead (excluding the police constable) rest in peace and may God bless the people that participated in the mobbing and killing of the police officer. The Nigerian Policemen with their constant killing of innocent people should be made to pay the price with their lives as this will make them think twice before pointing their guns at innocent citizen. How many times have we heard a policeman say "I will kill you and nothing will happen" but now they know that something could happen.



This really serves as a good example of what the people should do to defend themselves against trigger happy police men. Organize a mob and kill the offending police man and any of his accomplices instantly. For this particular offense in Nigeria, I suggest that the killing of anybody for refusal to part with bribe should not be called extortion, it must be defined as ARMED ROBBERY, no matter who the offender is. We must no longer allow a robber to hide under the federal authority of a uniform to rob us! No, let them be given instant justice. I say yes, summarily execute such a police whenever a civilian death occurs based on bribe. The police DO NOT HOLD THE MONOPOLY to life and the pursuit of happiness. They must understand that every policeman is - or must be - just like every law abiding Nigerian whose right to life was given by God, and absolutely NOBODY - not even the Nigerian state - has the right to waste anybody for refusal to give/take bribe. As I write this, tears of anger well up in my eyes for all law abiding victims of police brutality in Nigeria. This barbarism MUST STOP!



In short, any police officer who kills anybody for refusal to pay bribe is nothing short of an ARMED ROBBER and should be subject to jungle justice. Period.



The police will never hear any word of advice that they should stop this tradition that has claimed several lives of Nigerians. Many police officers are too in a hurry to get rich quick quick! No break, no holiday for their "tax collecting system". If police men "cut their coat according to their size", they can survive with their salaries without having to kill or be killed because of N20. The bad aspect of it is that nobody will learn anything from the event, because even as we are talking now, some police officers are already mounting road blocks for N20, N50 and N100, etc.

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