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By OLA AJAYI

IBADAN—A policeman, Olufemi Ajayi was Wednesday lynched and set ablaze in [Ayete, Ibarapa North Local Government Area](#) of Oyo State, for allegedly shooting to death a middle aged man.

The policeman was said to have been lynched by [irate mob](#) after allegedly killing the man, identified as Mr. [Emiola Kolade](#), said to be a popular commercial driver over a bribery disagreement at a check-point.

Mr. Ajayi was said to have shot the commercial driver in the eye. One of his eyeballs was said to have bulged out of its socket.

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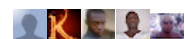
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Though the driver was said to have struggled with death, he died later at a nearby Igboora General hospital. His death was said to have triggered a street protest by sympathisers especially women.

The trigger-happy policeman was said to have been pursued into a nearby bush and was forced to take the driver to the hospital for treatment.

According to an eye witness, angered people on the Idere/ Ayete road were said to have descended heavily on the policeman and set him ablaze.

He said, “The victim was flagged down by the police corporal, who demanded N100. The issue then degenerated into a hot argument and what we heard later was a gunshot and the commercial driver was found lying on the ground in pool of his blood.”

A staff of the hospital where he was taken to spoke with newsmen on phone that the driver died later due to excessive loss of blood. Speaking, a senior police officer who did not want to be quoted said: “It is a serious issue. Presently, we are still on the matter. I may not be able to say anything on the matter now. You may please call me back “.

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