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Irate youths kill Police inspector in Ogun

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ABEOKUTA — Hell was let loose, Tuesday in Oke-Odan in Yewa South Local Government Area of Ogun State when some youths allegedly killed a Police Inspector in a reprisal attack over the death of one of them who was reportedly shot dead by security operatives.

Vanguard gathered that a policeman simply identified as Shonde reportedly shot a 30-year-old farmer, Yinka Falola, while he was returning from his farm, Monday night.

The crisis which lasted several hours left many people injured while no fewer than 20 vehicles were destroyed.

A reliable source said the imbroglio was as a result of the killing of Falola, a father of two at Oke-Odan, a community near the border with the Republic of Benin.

According to the source, the death of the suspected smuggler, Falola, on Monday triggered a reprisal attack with the youths protesting the killing.

Another source said the incident might have occurred due to an alleged accidental discharge by one of the men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) from Zone II, Onikan, Lagos.

But an indigene of Oke-Odan who spoke with newsmen said the deceased was not a smuggler and the shooting was not accidental.

According to him, “Yinka was never a smuggler. He was a commercial driver. He had altercations with the SARS men who were on illegal duty and the Policeman slapped him and he retaliated which prompted the Policeman to shoot him at close range. He died on the spot. He left a pregnant wife.

The youths, thereby, stormed the palace of the monarch who immediately went to the Area Command to report. But, Tuesday, the youths regrouped and vowed to deal with the officers from SARS.

Contacted, the Ogun State Police Command PRO, DSP Muyiwa Adejobi confirmed the incident, saying the state Police Commissioner, Okoye Ikemefuna, was already at the scene.

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