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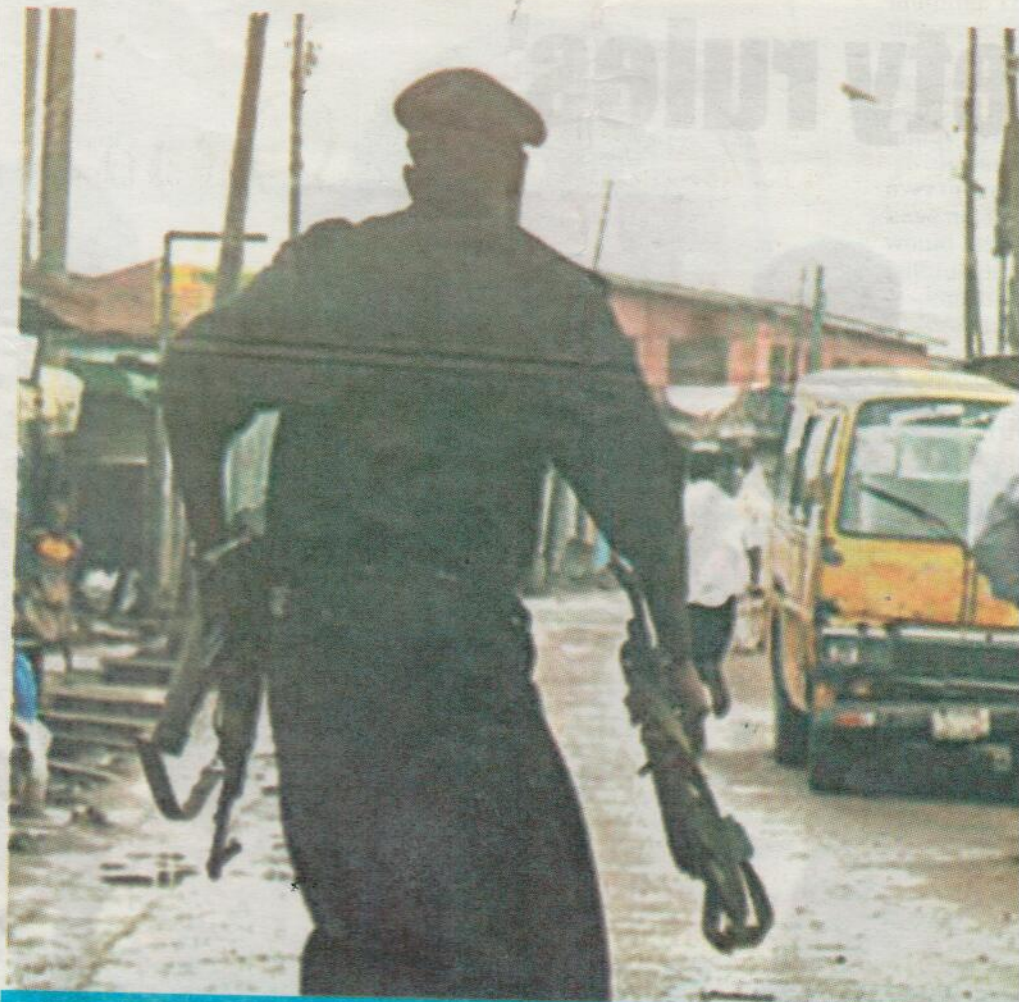
shot himself dead while adjusting an AK 47 rifle, on August 25, 2015. The deceased, said to be the Second-in-Command at the MOPOL 20 Armourer, accidentally pulled the trigger of the rifle which resulted in the release of a bullet which shattered his jaw and a large portion of his head.

Another case of accidental discharge which resulted in the death of a policeman also occurred two years ago in Ondo State, after a police inspector allegedly fired his senior colleague, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Kazeem Shehu. The incident, as gathered, occurred during a squabble at a drinking bar at Ejankole Street in Okerowo area of Ondo State.

These incidents have no doubt further confirmed the already betrayed trust and confidence members of the public reposed in the police. While several of the incidents, whether accidental discharge, negligent discharge or intentional release, were discovered to have been committed by policemen of the rank and file, surprisingly, some were committed by officers who were supposed to leading by example.

One of such killings was that allegedly perpetrated by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Pen Cinema, Agege, Lagos in 2012. The deceased, Abiodun Ademola, was shot dead by the DPO, Mr. Segun Fabunmi, a Superintendent of Police (SP) at Yaya Abatan Street, Ogba, during protests against the removal of fuel subsidy in various parts of Lagos.

Another pathetic case was that of the killing of a student of the Faculty of Laboratory



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policeman. Thereafter, an Orderly Room Trial will be set up by the State Command, following which the policeman is dismissed and charged to court. Any erring policeman automatically forfeits his

policemen who was charged to court, Inspector Samuel Timothy, was sentenced to death in September 2015, five years after he shot dead an innocent sachet water dealer, Onyekachi Nwasuoba, who

other Nigerians, patrol liquor vendors, popularly called *paraga*, as early as before they begin work day.

At other times, some policemen are discove