Stray bullet kills boy in Lagos

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A stray bullet from a team of policemen, last night, snuffed life out of a boy watching the English Premiership football match between Liverpool and Tottenham in Agege area of Lagos.

The incident led to a protest as angry youths took over the street, protesting the killing.

At 8.30p.m. yesterday, the protesters had barricaded the Agege Road, preventing vehicular movement.

Vanguard was informed that policemen attached to Anti-Cultism Unit were chasing a suspect, during which one of them opened fire on the fleeing suspect.

Unfortunately, the bullet hit the deceased on Olu Aboderin Street, Ompetesi area of Agege.

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One of the youths, Ekene, said: "We were watching the football match when some policemen ran into the street. Before we knew it, they started shooting. One of the bullets hit a viewer. The boy was rushed to the hospital. Sadly, he could not make it."

When contacted. spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, DSP Elkana Bala, said: "We also got the information. The Commissioner of Police, CP Zubairu Muazu, has deployed teams policemen there to disperse protesters barricaded the road. After that, investigation will begin to ascertain what happened."