

Mob sets police station ablaze over killing of motorcycle rider in Anambra

●As CP orders detention of killer cop

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Alleged killing of a commercial motorcycle rider by a policeman, yesterday, made some angry youths set the Igboukwu police station in Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra State ablaze

Trouble started when some policemen on duty at night in the area, had an altercation with some motorcycle riders, which led to the killing of a motorcyclist.

According to an eye witness, the mob, made up of commercial motorcycle operators and some youths, on noticing the killing of their colleague, rushed to the police station and set it ablaze.

At press time, the mob was said to be heading to Ekwulobia police station, headquarters of Aguata LGA, apparently to set it ablaze too.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Haruna

Mohammed, who confirmed the incident, said the Commissioner of Police, Mr John Abang, had ordered the arrest of the policeman involved in the killing of the motorcyclist.

Haruna said: "At about 10.30 pm on Tuesday, there was an altercation between police

operatives and motorcycle riders over some impounded motorcycles as a result of the recent restriction on movement of motorcycles beyond 9 pm in Anambra State.

"The situation degenerated into chaos, which led to an accidental discharge that hit one motorcycle rider and

burning of Igboukwu police station by irate youths.

"The Commissioner of Police, John Abang, is deeply saddened by the unfortunate incident and has ordered the detention of the policemen involved and full-scale investigation into the matter.

"The CP further appealed for calm and assures the public that justice would be done in the case and that the outcome of police investigation shall be made public in due course."

