

2 policemen beaten to death in Edo over killing of motorcycle riders



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BENIN CITY— TWO policemen were, weekend, beaten to death in Ikpeshi, a community in Akoko-Edo Local Government Area of Edo State, as a result of their convoy hitting a motorcycle resulting in the death of the rider and the occupant.

Vanguard gathered, yesterday, that the policemen were in a Hilux van as escort to a former member of the Edo State House of Assembly, Emmanuel Agbaje, when the convoy ran into the motorbike.

Irate youths were said to have invaded the Edo State Security Volunteer Network (vigilante) office where the policemen were taken to, overran the facility and beat two of them to death while members of the vigilante group were able to rescue the other two, who were said to be receiving treatment in the hospital and also recovered the rifles of the police officers.

The angry youths were said to have attacked the vigilante office and destroyed its furniture while threatening to deal with their members who tried to rescue the police officers.

A police source disclosed that the affected officers were from Police Mobile Force 19, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

He said: "One Toyota Hilux van conveying four policemen namely Inspector Brownson Brown, Inspector Abubaka Fakkuk, Sergeant Taiye Ojiefu and Sergeant. Elisha John attached to Police Mobile Force 19 Port Harcourt on escort duty with Emmanuel Agbaje, former Edo State House Assembly member was involved in an accident with a motorcycle conveying a woman and child by Ikpeshi community

"In the process, the rider and passenger died on the spot and in reaction, angry mob attacked the policemen, beat Insp Abubaka Faku and Sgt Elisha John to death while two others are receiving treatment at Ifejoba hospital Igarra."

The Edo State Police Public Relations Officer, Chidi Nwabuzor, confirmed the incident, yesterday, but said more details would be made available to the public in due time.

Reacting to the incident, Chairman, Akoko-Edo council, Tajudeen Alade condemned the dastardly act by the youths and commended the efforts of the vigilante to save the life of the policemen.

He said those involved would be brought to book and promised support for the twin sister of one of the occupants of the motorcycle.

