

Lawless trigger-happy policeman kills Kwara Polytechnic student in Ilorin



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...Colleagues, Relations Call on IG to Investigate Killing

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A trigger-happy police officer has reportedly shot dead a student of Kwara State Polytechnic, identified as Ishola Abdulqoyum, along Panat Road, a link between Sango and ShopRite in Kwara State.

Aggrieved family, friends, and colleagues of the victims have protested the killing of their loved one, calling on the Inspector General of Police, Kayode Egbetokun and Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq to investigate the killing to bring the perpetrator to book.

In response, the Chief Press Secretary to the Kwara State Governor, Rafiu Ajakaye, stated via WhatsApp: "Police authorities and government security agencies have been working since morning to get to the root of the incident."

Abdulqoyum, an ND II part-time student of Electrical/Electronics Engineering, who was shot in his right arm and bled to death was said to be on a commercial motorcycle when the police arrested him. The deceased's brother, identified as Abdullah, told journalists that the victim was stopped while on the motorcycle and ordered into a waiting police patrol vehicle, where officers demanded money from him.

"He told me yesterday that he was going to get footwear for his sign-out. On his way back, he encountered the police, who accosted him and told him to get into their vehicle. They asked him for money, but he said he didn't have any. While the police were attending to other people they had arrested, he stepped out of the vehicle.

"Before they chased him, they collected his phone and power bank, despite not finding anything incriminating on him.

"He said he hadn't committed any offence, but they chased him and shot him on the spot.

"They shot him in the hand, and it was a deep wound. His last words to passersby were that he was from the Ero family in Oke-Andi. Where they located his family.

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"My brother was later taken to the hospital, but his veins had been severed, and he lost a lot of blood. He received four units of blood.

"The police threatened us with guns when we protested the killing."

He urged the Kwara State Government and the Inspector General of Police to investigate the incident and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Vanguard Correspondent reliably gathered that the deceased's colleagues, along with some family members, protested at the Kwara State Police Command headquarters, demanding justice for their loved one.

Although initial reports indicated that Abdulqoyum was left alive at the scene, it was later confirmed that he succumbed to the cold hands of death early this morning at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) as a result of the severe bleeding he sustained from the gunshot.

Abdulqoyum, a native of Oke Adini in Ilorin, has been buried at the Hausa Community Cemetery by Islamic rites.

When Journalists contacted the spokesperson for the Kwara State Police Command, DSP Toun Ejire-Adeyemi, she did not respond to calls or messages.