

The Death of Praise God John at the Police Station

On Wednesday, the 15th of April 2020, a tricycle (Keke) driver, PraiseGod John died within the premises of Estate Police Station, Woji, Obi/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State. The cause of his death has been linked to Police torture and brutality, but the Police denied having any involvement with his death. According to the deceased sister, the deceased Praise God had told her before his death on a hospital bed that he was arrested on Friday, the 10th of April, 2020 and was detained till Monday, the 13th of April, 2020 when the Police released him on the condition that he returns with N30,000 to secure the release of his Keke. She further explained that the deceased told her that he was tortured and starved while in detention. The Police have however noted that what caused the death of the deceased was a fight between him and the vulcanizer who had pumped the tyres of the deceased Keke that the Police had deflated on his arrest. The vulcaniser works within the Police premises. According to the Police, an argument had ensued between the vulcaniser and the deceased on his release from detention, and that degenerated into a fight that killed the deceased.