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Today March 28, 2018 in Yumbe District, a section of boda boda riders rioted and caused commotion in the town of Yumbe.

This riot was sparked off by a previous operation carried out by Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) that aimed at cracking down on boda boda that were doing business without paying taxes to have registration number plates on their bikes.

Today, when some sighted the very motor vehicle that was in the previous operation, they attacked the vehicle, stoned it and in self defence, a solider shot in the air. Rioters continued and in the process, two people were injured and have been identified as Gaddafi and Jamal. They have been rushed to Hospital for medical attention.

The rioters burnt two motor vehicles as well as one motorcycle. The burnt/destroyed motor vehicles belong to an NGO called DANISH CHURCH AID. The only two motor vehicles destroyed by the rioters are: UAW 390Z Prado and UBB 124L Double cabin. A motorcycle belonging to the Local Government of Kululu Sub County was set on fire.

A couple of suspects have been arrested for questioning. The situation has since been put under control. The police have continued to engage the boda boda industry and the community at large. Further details to this incident will be shared in due course.

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