

# Wheelbarrow pusher stabs trader to death in Rivers

15th February 2026



**From Tony John Port Harcourt**

**The Rivers State Police Command has confirmed a murder incident that occurred yesterday at the Fruit Market, Oil Mill, Rumuokurusi, Port Harcourt.**

Preliminary investigation revealed that a trader at the market, while attempting to create more space for his goods, requested a wheelbarrow pusher identified as Zakara Afaaruwu, to remove his wheelbarrow, which was obstructing the area.

According to an eyewitness, the request was refused, and an argument ensued.

Sources said that in the course of the disagreement, the wheelbarrow pusher allegedly stabbed the trader, identified as Hightor Wenem, male, aged 30 years, from Mbagel Village, Buruku Local Government Area of Benue State, with a dagger.

The victim was immediately rushed to the Military Hospital for medical attention but was confirmed dead by the medical doctor.

## Related News

- Kaduna to enjoy steady power as TCN restores Shiroro–Mando line
- Bird strikes ground 2 United Nigeria Airlines aircraft within 24 hours
- Soldiers kill 2 suspected terrorists in Ondo, recover arms

State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Grace Iringe-Koko, a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP), in a statement, said his corpse had been deposited at the morgue for autopsy.

The incident led to tension and pandemonium between members of the Hausa and Benue communities in the area.

However, prompt intervention by police operatives restored calm and prevented further breakdown of law and order.

The PPRO added that the suspect has been arrested and is currently in police custody while investigation continues.

“The situation is now under control, and monitoring of the area is ongoing. Further developments will be communicated.”

The command assured members of the public of its commitment to maintaining peace and security across the state and urged residents to remain calm and law-abiding.