

the Enugu State government, and Oildata Integrated Construction Company over their disputed land.

Speaking to journalists on Monday, Elder Emmanuel Agu, a native of Ugwuto, said the alleged agreement, said to have been signed in 2009 was "a figment of the imagination" of the lawyer. He insisted that the community does not know the identities of either Enpower Energy or Oildata Integrated Construction Company.

"How come the same Agu suddenly made a U-turn to tell the media that the allegation of land grabbing is a lie? It is so unfortunate. The soil which he swore to is a witness," the octogenarian said.

The community also dismissed the lawyer's claim that the government acquired the land and used it as equity to attract investment.

"The claim by Agu that when operations start on the land the

divide-and-rule game to create problems so that we cannot speak with one voice," he said.

He added that the community has no problems with the Enugu State government, insisting that "Enpower Energy Ltd and Oildata Integrated Construction Company are companies owned by Engr. Emeka Ene from Umuabi Udi," and called on Governor Peter Mbah to intervene.

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## Outrage as Imo ENTRACO operatives kill 2 persons

**THERE** was an outrage yesterday as operatives of the Imo state Environmental Transformation Commission (ENTRACO) reportedly hit and killed two persons riding on a motorcycle, while trying to impound a commercial vehicle.

The tragic incident which occurred yesterday afternoon along St Mulumba Catholic Akachi Road, near First Bank, sparking an outrage.

According witnesses, the operatives of the ENTRACO were attempting to take away a

vehicle when the fatal incident.

However, the operatives fled the scene immediately leaving the victims who died on spot.

Darlington Ibekwe, the Chief Press of the Commission, who confirmed the incident disclosed that the culprit has been detained at the Owerri Urban Police Area command headquarters at Fire Service.

"We have handed the culprit to the Owerri Urban Police Area command and he is currently being detained there. It was an unfortunate incident".

Residents are calling on the

state and federal governments to intervene, citing recent instances of alleged misconduct by Imo ENTRACO Personnels. The incident has heightened tensions in the state, with many demanding accountability and justice for the victims.

Operatives of the Agency had two weeks ago, killed one chukwudi Ordu and left three persons with gun shot injuries during the fracas that erupted amid the demolition of the Toronto Market in Uratta Community, Owerri North LG, Imo State.