

Onitsha mayhem: MASSOB alleges secret killings

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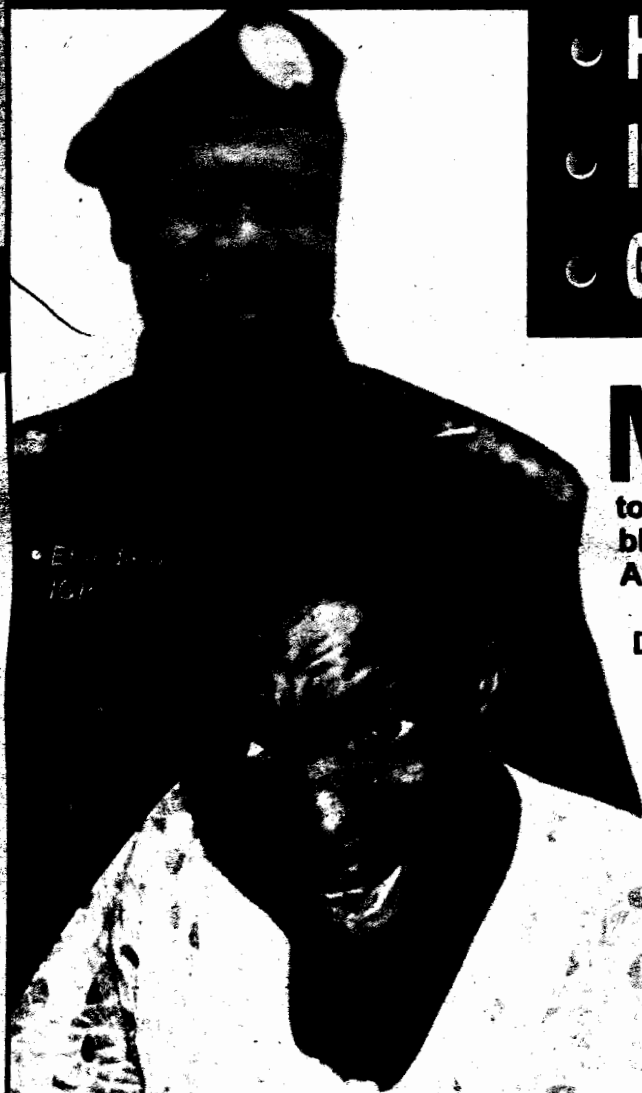
MOVEMENT for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) has alleged extra-judicial killings of its members by security operatives posted to Onitsha, Anambra State to keep the peace following the bloody clash between the militia group and the National Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO).

MASSOB made this allegation just as the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state absolved itself of complicity in the bloody crises which had claimed lives and property.

These came on the heels of fresh clashes in the commercial hub of the state weekend despite the expiration of the ultimatum given to both MASSOB and NARTO to leave Onitsha.

MASSOB, NARTO and Anambra Vigilance Service (AVS)

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have locked horns over the control of motor parks in Onitsha, leading to sorrow, tears and blood on its wake.

Both the spokesman of the group, Comrade Innocent Dike and Assistant Director of Information, Eastern Region of the organization, Comrade David Mac David, alleged that some of their members were last Thursday killed and buried in a shallow grave by the joint military/police team deployed by government to maintain law and order there.

But reacting swiftly to this, both the Assistant Inspector General of

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BRIEFING - (l-r) Mr. Ikechukwu Kalu, Senior Manager Mass Market with Mrs. Funmi Omogbenigun, Senior Manager Corporate Communications and Mr. Victor Okechukwu, Senior Manager Sales & Distribution, Lagos/South West at MTN Nigeria press briefing to launch Caller Tune service in Lagos
Photo: MIKE IROANYA

2007: Ukiwe declares presidential ambition

By BISIRIYU OLAOYE

PRESIDENTIAL, hopeful and former Chief of General Staff (CGS) Commodore Ebrhaku Ukiwe has counselled Nigerians to reject corrupt leaders in the 2007 general

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