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Nigeria: Communal Crisis - Corpses Litter Ebonyi Road

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Abakaliki - At least seven persons including a policeman were killed on Friday as the war assumed a frightening dimension. Human bodies reportedly litter the Enugu-Abakaliki Express road at 📋 📑 😭 🚅 🗾 💿 the battle spot.



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Gun men believed to be hired militants burnt more than five Hilux vans and other vehicles along the road while so many commercial buses and big trucks were riddled with bullets.

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The attack on the vehicles caused multiple accidents involving trucks in an attempt to escape. A driver of a tipper lorry that collided with another truck was trapped in his vehicle crying for help that never came.

Another woman with a baby strapped to her back was equally squeezed in-between two collided trucks. She was trapped while her baby died while still strapped to her back

The gunmen engaged the police deployed to the area in a gun dwell destroying two armoured personnel carriers (APC) and killing one of the policemen in the process. The windscreen of one of the armourd vehicles was shattered, forcing the policemen to retreat.

The Enugu-Abakaliki Express road remained impassable for more than two days now. Commuters are forced to use bus parts including Ntezi-Agba-Ezama-Nkanu routes, but those who make the trip vow never to try it again due to horrible nature of the road.

Other travelers use the Abakaliki-Afikpo-Okigwe road to burst out at Enugu-Portharcourt Express road before proceeding to Enugu, which triples the distance and transport fare

A planned visit to Ebonyi State by the Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development, Alhaji Hassan Lawal, was aborted on Friday following the blockade of Enugu-Abakaliki Express.

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A convoy of vehicles dispatched by Ebonyi State government and led by the Commissioner for Works and Transport, Dr. Paul Okorie, to go and pick the minister at Enugu returned to Abakaliki as they could not pass the war zone

The Police Public Relations Officer of Ebonyi State Police Command, Mr. Chris Anyanwu, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), confirmed the attack on the police, but could not confirm the number of casualties.

Five persons were similarly killed while several others sustained bullet wounds the previous weekend in the war zone.



Most of the victims are believed to be travelers plying the Enugu-Abakaliki Express road, a trans-African highway that stretches from Benin Republic through Lagos Enugu, Ebonyi to Cross River and Cameroon.

The communal crisis which erupted since May 10, 2008 over erection of GSM phone boot in a local market have pitched the two communities against the other with shooting going on intermittently since then.

However, the shooting intensified in the last two weeks with innocent travelers along the route being the worst hit as soldiers deployed to the flash points are no longer seen at any of the road blocks on the highway.





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