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## Soldier kills bus driver in Port Harcourt

From Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt

A bus driver was yesterday shot dead by a military officer around Rumuokoro round-about in Obio-Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Eye witness said the bus driver was running against the traffic towards Rumuokoro round-about and refused to stop, when military officers at the Rmuokoro axis of Bori Camp tried to stop him.

The eyewitness said that the driver took "one way" to beat traffic.

It was further gathered that the officer opened fire on him and shot him dead.

However, the incident led to violent protest within the scene of the occurrence, as drivers, bus conductors and sympathizers revolted.

The driver whose name was identified as Michael Nweye, was said to be in his early 20s and hailed from Egbeda community in Emohua Local Government area of Rivers State.

A family member, Chinedu Okedi said the alleged trigger-happy soldier would not go unpunished.

"The driver was taking one way as usual, as they used to do in that Rumuokoro. So, the soldier chased him and blocked him. He asked him to come down from the vehicle but the boy refused.

"And he was carrying passengers before the soldier shot him. So, that was what happened. The elder brother to the boy has said that the family will make a case," Okedi said.

His body has since been deposited in the mortuary.

The 2 Army Brigade spokesperson could not be reached for confirmation.

But the state deputy Police Public Relations Officer, Grace Iringe-Koko, confirmed the incident, saying investigation was ongoing to ascertain the identity of the culprit.