

1 dead, 3 injured as police, vigilante clash in Onitsha

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One person has died while three others sustained injuries in a gunfight between members of the police and a vigilante group in Onitsha.

Eyes witnesses said the fatality was recorded when members of the police Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) shot dead a vigilante member at Emeka Offor Plaza, Main Market, Onitsha.

The Anambra state Police spokesperson, SP Haruna Muhammed confirmed an altercation between police officers who went on inquiry at "Our Lord Plaza," Onitsha Main Market and some vigilantes on Tuesday, September 17, at about 1:30pm. He said a vigilante member was shot on the leg and two others sustained injuries and were taken to a hospital where they are responding to treatment.

He also said that the situation has been brought under control through the efforts of the Police led by the Area Commander, Onitsha and market leaders.

"Normalcy has been restored and people are going about their lawful business," he said.

The state Commissioner of Police, CP John B. Abang has ordered an investigation into the incident after which perpetrators will be charged to court, the spokesperson said.