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‘Revenue Collectors’ Chased Truck Driver To Death In Onitsha

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A 25-year-old truck driver, Michael Chimezie Okorie, died in a road accident that happened yesterday along Asaba/Onitsha Expressway in Onitsha, Anambra State.

Anambra State Police Command said the accident involved a Mercedes Benz 911 lorry with Registration No ACA-178-XA loaded with timber and driven by Okorie of Oduma in Aninri LGA of Enugu State.

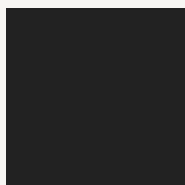
Police spokesperson, Haruna Mohammed, in a statement, said the accident occurred when the truck driver, who was allegedly being pursued by suspected “revenue collectors” stationed at Head Bridge, Onitsha, suddenly lost control and crashed into the concrete barricade near Coca-Cola Market.

“As a result, the driver of the lorry became unconscious and was taken to Toronto Hospital by a police patrol team attached to Okpoko Division where he was confirmed dead on arrival by a medical doctor on duty,” he said.

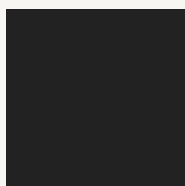
Daily Trust gathered that the incident caused heavy traffic in the area as aggrieved youths in their hundreds went on a rampage and blocked the highway with bonfires.

Mohammed said the state Commissioner of Police, John Abang, has ordered a full-scale investigation into the matter.

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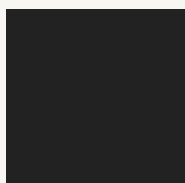


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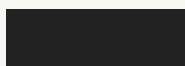
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