## MASSOB accuses Police, NARTO of fuelling Anambra crisis

From Charles Ogugbuaja, Owerri

MOVEMENT for the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) has accused the police of causing and prolonging the crisis rocking some towns in Anambra State.

Leaders of the group, at a meeting held in Owerri at the weekend, accused the police of conniving with the National Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO) to prolong the crisis

A statement by the Deputy Director of Information of the group, Mazi Chris-Mocha, read that MASSOB leaders noted with dismay the persistence of the crisis that has claimed the lives of their sons and daughters, adding that the situation should be handled properly by the law enforcement

Part of the statement reads:
"MASSOB has criticised police for taking sides with the National Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO) in Onitsha, thereby helping to prolong the crisis that has claimed many lives of defenceless members and Igbo youths who are future leaders".

memoers and Igov youns who are future leaders".

"The trigger-happy police joint military operation has successfully killed MAS-SOB members totaling 271 with over 1,302 others still missing, according to MAS-SOB records. This figure could rise unless they are withdrawn from the state because there are secret killings in and outside Onitsha on daily basis of innocent Igbo".