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• No life was lost, says commissioner

ONE person was Thursday feared killed in violent clashes between truck drivers and the Anambra State Task Force Agency (ASTA) at the Uga rod market in Aguata Local Council of the state.



Two persons, a driver and a member of staff of the task force agency involved in the clash, also reportedly sustained serious injuries and were hospitalised.

An eye witness told journalists that one person was feared killed in the fracas, but the Commissioner for Transport, Dr. Chike Ohamobi, said that no life was lost during the incident.

Members of the task force accompanied by security agents were on road decongestion duty when the incident happened.

Reacting to the incident, Ohamobi gave the traders and truck drivers 24 hours to remove all the vehicles wrongly parked on the highway, as he threatened to prosecute any defaulter.

He warned that government would not condone such lawlessness, saying that the attack was unacceptable, promising to reinforce security agents to flush the culprits out.

While saying that arrangement would be made to have a permanent police post in the vicinity, the commissioner added that government would work with the market leaders to make sure that there was sanity in the area.

He said it was in the process of disagreement that an ASTA personnel and one of the truck drivers sustained injuries and were hospitalised, adding that one of the police vehicles was damaged while one of the ASTA buses was burnt by the mob.

According to Ohamobi, it took the intervention of security operatives to restore law and order and prevent what would have been a bloody incident.

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