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# Hawkers protest over killing of colleague by motorist in Rivers

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HAWKERS on Monday shut down the ever-busy Aba/Port Harcourt Expressway in protest of the death of their colleague who was killed by a motorist.

The situation caused severe gridlock in the capital city, as other motorists scampered for safety following a hot chase with stones by the hawkers.

It was gathered that the motorist's vehicle brake allegedly failed around the waterlines junction, hitting the hawker simply identified as Uche, who died on the spot, and injuring two others.

An eyewitness told The Guardian that the victim was attending to a female customer on the lower concrete slab that demarcated the outlet wing of the road, when the driver of the vehicle with registration number XA 608 AGU, while trying to climb the slab to avoid traffic on his designated lane, lost control and rammed into the victims.

The woman was said to have incurred serious injuries on the head and was rushed to an undisclosed hospital, while Uche died on the spot.

The State Police Command confirmed the incident.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Ahmad Mohammad, said: "I can confirm to you that there was an accident at the outlet wing of the Port Harcourt/Aba Express way today (yesterday), involving a vehicle and one person died.

"When our men got to the scene, they saw only one corpse on the ground, which they picked and deposited in the mortuary.

He disclosed that the driver of the vehicle has been arrested and detained at the station, adding that investigations have commenced.