



Man killed while escaping arrest over curfew violation

AN apprentice barber, Mr. Anthony Okafor, was on Wednesday night reportedly killed by a bus as he tried to escape arrest from police officers enforcing the curfew in Enugwu Ukwu, Dunukofia local government area of Anambra State.

It was gathered that policemen were chasing after Okafor who had closed from work and was going home, when he ran into a moving bus that hit him, causing his death. The death of the barber however generated tension in the area, with youths of Enugwu Ukwu community taking to the streets to protest the death of one of their own yesterday.

Major roads in the com-

munity were blocked, causing terrible gridlock along the old Enugu-Onitsha road. A member representing the area in the House of Representatives, Dozie Nwankwo, who reacted to the incident, urged youths to toe the line of civility, stressing that he had reached out to the state police command to ensure an extensive investigation into the cause of the incident.

Nwankwo said: "I reliably gathered that a few minutes past 8:00p.m., a young apprentice barber, Mr. Anthony Okafor was being trailed by men of the Nigerian Police Force, Nimo Division. The chase resulted in his eventual death as he was knocked

down by a shuttle bus.

"As your representative, I condemn in strong terms the action of our uniformed men, which led to the death of this young man. It is really a heart-breaking one. The world has bled enough, and now needs healing, not accidental deaths. While I stand with my people, I must quickly submit here and now also that violent protests or taking of laws into our hands will only aggravate the situation even more."

Meanwhile, the state police public relations officer, SP Haruna Mohammed, reacting to the incident said the death had nothing to do with the police, but was a fatal accident.