Lagos task force denies killing woman in Abule-Egba

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Sympathisers at the scene of the incident in Abule Egba Lagos ... yesterday, PHOTO: Adeniran Ayodele

The Lagos State Environmental Sanitation and Special Offences Unit (Task Force), yesterday, denied killing a woman in the Abule-Egba area of the state.

It was learnt that the task force officers stormed Santos Street, Abule Egba, to arrest motorcycle riders (popularly known as Okada). In the process, they fired a tear gas canister, which hit a woman heading home in a tricycle.

The incident came less than a month after a trailer crushed a car in the area. An eyewitness who did not want his name in print said the yet-to-be-identified woman fell from the tricycle and was crushed by a truck.

When The Guardian reached out to the Public Relations Office (PRO) of the task force, Abdulraheem Gbadeyan, he denied the officers were culpable. He said: "A truck only hit the woman and because we had earlier raided the place, some claimed that we were responsible for it. We were not there when the incident happened. Some people said we fired a tear gas canister directly at the woman, which is not possible. We know nothing about it. We impounded 15 bikes in total and we left after the operation."