

Bus Kills Another Motorcycle Operator In Amakohia

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A few days after a tipper crushed an entire family of three in Nekede, near Owerri, capital of Imo State, a similar tragedy has claimed the life of another motorcycle operator in Amakohia, on the outskirts of the city.

The incident was said to have occurred in the early hours of Wednesday, near Diamond Bus Stop along the Orlu/ Akwakuma Road, Owerri.

Last Monday a commercial motorcycle operator, popularly called *Inaga*, his wife and baby perished along the ever busy Nekede Road in Owerri West Local Government Area of the state, when a tipper lorry rammed into them.

Dependable sources told *Daily*

Independent that the incident, which caused a heavy hold up along Orlu Road was unfortunate as the *Inaga* operator was trying to avoid a bad spot on the road not knowing that the bus was coming behind at top speed.

It was learnt that the bus that was coming from the Warehouse end of the road was heading towards Orlu to pick passengers working within the capital city of Owerri and its environs.

However not suspecting that the commercial motorcycle operator would dash into his own lane in order to avoid the bad spot, he continued on the top speed only to hear a sudden noise which jolted even residents of the area who were still asleep.

Daily Independent was told that the noise forced the bus driver to

swerve to the lane of vehicles entering the city from the Akwakuma/ Amakohia end and on getting down he found the mangled body of the commercial motorcycle operator and his motorcycle under his bus.

He quickly took to his heels and ran to the Shell Camp Police Station, where he reported the incident and from where policemen were immediately dispatched to the scene of the accident for an on the spot investigation.

It was further learnt that before the arrival of the policemen some residents of the area who were roused from their slumber by the noise had gathered to mourn the death of the victim, whose name was not immediately known.

Sources said that the policemen on arrival at the scene were shaken to their marrows when they saw the point of the impact and how the lifeless body was held between the motorcycle and the engine of the bus.

Efforts were said to have been made to remove the corpse from the scene, which proved abortive as the only way to recover it would be to up-turn the vehicle and disengage the body from the motorcycle.

When *Daily Independent* visited the office of the Police Public Relations Officer in Owerri, Superintendent Linus Nwaiwu, he was said to be out of the office on official engagement.

However sources close to him said they had received reports of the incident but that they were awaiting the full details from the station where the matter was reported to initially and assured that full investigations would be carried out.