

The tanker and the remains of the okada rider.

**ASABA** – An unidentified okada rider has been crushed to death during a hot chase by Task Force officials dispatched from the Delta State Ministry of Transportation in Asaba, Delta State.

Daily Independent gathered that the incident occurred Tuesday along the Asaba-Benin Expressway beside Oshimili South Local Government Secretariat while the okada rider with tricycle registration number, SAP422QO, was allegedly given a hot chase by the Task Force officials for plying the expressway which is out of bounds for the category of transporters.

It was gathered that the deceased, whose state of origin is yet to be ascertained left his friends and kinsmen at the Hausa Market, Abraka, where the taskforce officials began to chase after him.

It was gathered that in his bid to avoid being arrested by the Task Force officials, he rammed under a moving tanker.

It was gathered that the tanker driver who escaped from jungle justice by angry mob reported himself at the B Divisional Police Station, Delta State Command.

It was learnt that the tanker with registration number, FGG420YQ, has been taken to the station, together with the yet to be dispensed content.

It was also gathered that immediately after the incident, the Task Force officials disappeared into the thin air for fear of been attacked by irate youths who were present at the scene of the accident.

At the time of filing this report, several attempts to reach the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, proved abortive.

Meanwhile, the Public Relations Officer (PRO) in the ministry, who confirmed the accident, said he is yet to ascertain whether the Task Force officials were from the ministry.