

Trailer Driver Dies In Clash With Task Force Agents In Anambra

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A trailer driver was confirmed dead on Tuesday in a clash with revenue task force agents at the Building Materials Market in Ogidi Town along Onitsha-Enugu Expressway, Anambra State.

Daily Independent learnt that trouble started on Tuesday at about 6.30 am when a trailer driver, said to be carrying goods and some produce, clashed with task force agents.

The agents stopped him and an argument ensued, which led to fisticuffs.

According to an eye witness, the fisticuffs degenerated to a full-blown fight, which resulted in the death of the driver, whose name could not be ascertained as at the time of filing this report.

It was in the process of the fight that the driver collapsed and died.

Angered by the death, heavy-duty drivers blocked the Onitsha-Awka - Enugu Expressway and demanded for the heads of the task force mem-

bers that were involved in the death of their colleague.

Commercial activities came to a halt at the Building Materials Market as irate traders protested over the activities of the Task Force on Produce, which they claimed, have been a menace to motorists and traders.

Passengers were stranded from Nkpor Junction to Ugwunwasike and New Tarzan junctions by protesters and motorists were compelled to take a diversion inside the main towns of Nkpor linking parts of Ogbunike to Awka.