

Passenger dies over old N10 note in Ebonyi

MORE than 2,000 passengers going to Abakaliki in Ebonyi State, through Ezzamgbo were stranded following a duel between a passenger and a commercial bus conductor over the refusal of the former to accept old N10 note as balance.

In the melee that ensued, the passenger fell out from the moving vehicle and died. Consequently, youths of Ezzamgbo went on rampage and blocked the Enugu - Abakaliki road throughout the day.

Workers and businessmen going to Abakaliki were stranded.

Speaking to reporters at the Ezzamgbo motor park, the leader of the youths, Jude Egbu, said they were in search of the conductor of a J5 Peugeot bus who killed their brother, Johnson, because he refused to accept old N10 note.

Immediately the blockade started, most of the J5 buses and other commercial vehicles took refuge at Ntezi and ordered their passengers to join other vehicles.

Egbu regretted that the identification number of

the vehicle was not known, but expressed the hope that other drivers could identify the vehicle because the incident happened during the day.

Because of the rampage, markets and shops within the axis were shut.

Some policemen interviewed at Ezzamgbo Junction said they were yet to get details of the incident. They said the details of the incident would be given later.

Commuters had to pay through their nose to travel on motorcycles to Abakaliki. Others went back to Enugu.