

NEWS

Three dead in Onitsha road accident

THREE persons died yesterday in Onitsha, Anambra State, when a truck loaded with scraps fell on a crowd of people.

Four others sustained injuries.

The accident occurred by the bridge around noon.

According to eyewitnesses, a Mercedes 911 truck with registration No. Anambra XA 118 KPY was stopped by two urchins suspected to

From Adimike George,
Onitsha

be members of the State Task Force on Revenue.

The driver reportedly lost control of the vehicle while struggling with the Task Force members.

A source, Chinonso Chukwuma, said two Task Force members accosted the driver of the lorry over his alleged refusal to pay

N1,500 emblem fee. Chukwuma said they were struggling the wheel with the driver.

He explained that the three persons, who died on the spot, were crushed beyond recognition.

Sources said a Task Force member was almost lynched by the mob before the intervention of the police.

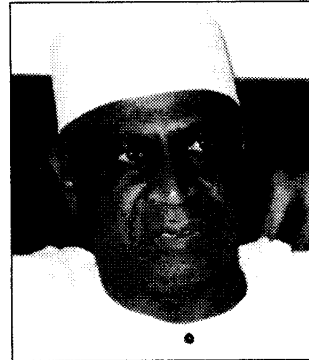
Federal Road Safety

Corps (FRSC) officers said only one person was confirmed dead.

They said the body of the victim had been deposited at the Ifeanyichukwu Hospital Mortuary on Onitsha-Owerri road.

Onitsha Unit Commander, FRSC, Ben Akunne, confirmed the accident.

He urged the government to call the Task Force members to order.



• Baraje

Ogun East elders plead with PDP

of the Ogun East PDP Elders' Forum, Alhaji Agboola Alausa.

The party elders resolved to expand the forum to accommodate more members; inaugurated a youth's forum and Committee on Mobilisation, Strategy and Publicity for the party in the senatorial district.

They also resolved to woo former members who have defected to other parties to

ELDERs and leaders of