

sured both parties of a speedy hearing and thereafter adjourned the matter till July 29.

Five die in road crash

From Sunny Nwankwo, Aba

FIVE persons died yesterday in an accident near Okpu Umubo Bridge, Osisioma, Aba in Abia State. A water tanker rammed into a Volkswagen Wagon belonging to Abia Line Network with registration number and a tricycle, killing three people on the spot.

It was gathered that two persons died later in an undisclosed hospital where they were taken to. The whereabouts of the lorry driver is unknown.

An eyewitness, Kingsley Ndukwe, said: "I was washing the L300 (registration number, Abuja GWA 517 XC) bus when I heard a loud bang. I saw a water tanker coming towards me. I jumped into the river as there was nothing else I could do and that was how I escaped.

"I thank God that the tanker did not come in my direction. If it had happened that way, I wonder what would have been my fate by now."

Ndukwe said three passengers inside the tricycle died before rescuers came.

A source said: "The tanker was just handed over to a new driver two days ago. I know the former driver. He used to come to this river to draw water with this truck.

"The last day he came here, he told us that he had been driving this truck without brake for some time.

"He told us that while descending the hill from Okpu Umuobo junction, he used gear one until he got to this place to draw water and go back.

"This driver is a new person. It's like he did not know that the vehicle has faulty brakes. Vehicle Inspection Officers should be alive to their responsibilities."

Ekwunife fetes youths

THE member representing Anaocha, Njikoka and Dumukofia Federal constituency in Anambra State Uche Ekwunife has donated 400 tricycles and 400 motorcycles to members of her constituency.

Ekwunife, who is contesting the governorship election on the platform of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA), said: "When we talk of sustainable

From Nwanosike Onu,
Awka

growth and development in this country, this is part of it. "Government cannot do it alone, we will continue doing it until poverty and crime are reduced and chased out.

"It will be difficult to ban motorcycles in this state, especially in the rural communities because most of them use it to sustain their families when governments cannot provide employment," she said

Govt orders traders to relocate

From Odogwu Emeka Odogwu, Nnewi

TRADERS on Williams Street, Onitsha, Anambra State, have been given till tomorrow to relocate to the permanent site in Ogbunike or lose their shops.

A letter from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry signed by the Public Relations Officer (PRO), Shedrack Nnanna, said: "The Anambra State Government in its enforcement of the street trading laws is by this announcement giving a final warning to the traders on Williams Street, Onitsha, to move with immediate effect to their permanent site at Building materials market, Ogbunike, on Enugu-Onitsha Expressway.

"The traders should please note that anyone who fails to move on or tomorrow will have his shop allocation revoked and any trader found selling on the street will be prosecuted and goods confiscated."