NSCDC official shoots bus driver

THERE was commotion at the Ada George and Location areas of Obio-Akpor, Rivers State, yesterday following the alleged shooting of a commercial bus driver by an operative of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).

The operative attached to the state task force was said to have shot and killed the driver provoking a riot that shut down traffic along the ever-busy Ada George, Location and NTA roads.

The deceased driver was reportedly conveying passengers when a vehicle of task force officials attempted to overtake him but he resisted the officials.

In the struggle that ensued, the task force vehicle hit the commercial bus, it was gathered.

A source said the driver out of anger blocked the task force vehicle with his bus.

The source said: "The driver further called on his other colleagues who immediately joined him to demand for the repair of his vehicle but as the task force and NSCDC officials objected to their demand, the situation became tense.

"Consequently, the situation worsened when the security operatives engaged all the drivers in a battle.

Sensing danger, the task-force officials fled while one of the NSCDC operatives trapped in the pandemonium

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shot the driver and continued shooting to scare the rampaging drivers.

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The death of the driver caused pandemonium in the area as the angry commercial bus driver reinforced and blocked the roads.

Contacted, the Spokesman of the Police Public Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni ,confirmed the incident.

He said: "Yes, I am aware that an NSCDC officer attached to the state task force shot a commercial bus driver, but calm has returned to the area as our men have been mobilised there."