

③ Police vow to fish out killers of truck driver in Delta

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Delta State Police Command has promised to arrest runaway produce officers who allegedly hit a truck driver's head with a rod, leading to his death on Friday.

The incident happened at Issele Azagba junction along Asaba-Benin highway.

In a statement by the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, the driver, Adamu, slumped after he was attacked, and was rushed the state General Hospital in Onicha Olona, where he was confirmed dead.

The state Police Commissioner, Adeyinka Adeleke, while commiserating with the family of the driver, urged people to exhibit civility while carrying out their activities.

Traffic was held up for hours at the scene of the incident along the highway as Fulanis protested the killing of one of their

own, who was conveying cattle before produce officials from the state Ministry of Agriculture stopped his vehicle.

The revenue collectors were said to have taken to their heels after the act.

As early as 9:30am on Friday, the protesters used their vehicles to block both lanes of the highway, as well as another access road, the Ogwashi Uku Polytechnic road.

The traffic stretched for several kilometres on both sides of the road, even as commuters and drivers were hopeless about the gridlock. It took the intervention of the police, led by ACP A.U Chuso and CSP Gbenga Ojo to clear the traffic.

Leader of the protesters, Alhaji Musa Jeje, said the revenue collectors on that road had made things difficult for them, adding that the cattle carriers had protested to the authorities about the extortion, especially at the spot where Adamu was killed.