

Traders protest alleged killing of member

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TRADERS at Iweka Electronics Market, Onitsha, have asked the police to track down the killers of one of their colleagues, Uzoma, by members of a local vigilance group.

Uzoma was killed on Friday by people suspected to be members of the local vigilance group during an argument that resulted in a fight.

The traders had taken to the streets to protest the killing on Friday and Saturday as they blocked the major roads that led to the Onitsha markets.

One of the traders who, spoke to our correspondent, said Uzoma left his colleagues for home on Thursday evening, only for them to return on Friday morning to see his body burnt by the vigilance group at the Ochanja Market roundabout.

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He said the traders had gathered praising the vigilance group for killing a robber, only to discover that the body was that of Uzoma.

The Onitsha Area Commander of the police, Mr. Osita Larry, however, said he would not speak on the matter and the killing of two robbery suspects until he had got the full details.

The two robbery suspects were killed at the Ogalonye by Venn Road North junction near Main market by a mob and a security operative. According to a witness, the suspects were operating on a Kymco motorcycle before luck ran out on them.

They had tried to rob a customer at the Plywood market with a pistol when

they were caught by a security operative and the crowd.

As the robbery was going on, the security operative, who was watching, shot the cyclist in the head, killing him instantly.

The other robber, on seeing his partner fall, tried to escape and threw his gun into a gutter so as to easily mix with onlookers, but was soon caught and lynched.

Akinyemi ruled out the possibility of Samuel being reared by his parents, pointing out that it was an abomination for a father to impregnate his daughter.

"Such a child cannot be allowed to be brought up in that family or even in the environment.

"We are hoping to get one person among the more 100 persons who had shown interest in Samuel's adoption, Akinyemi told NAN."

Two passengers die in Delta road accident

Fidelis Soriwei, Benin

TWO passengers were feared killed in a road accident which occurred on the Warri-Ughelli Road on Sunday.

It was learnt that the light green Mazda car with registration number MC 26 AAA, was heading towards Warri when it plunged into the Ekakpamre River by Beta Glass Industries Limited Ughelli.

The Zonal Commander,

the Federal Roads Safety Commission in Benin, Alhaji Zakari Ndah, who confirmed the accident on the telephone to our correspondent, said that the bodies of the victims were yet to be recovered from the river.

Ndah said that a rescue team led by officers of the FRSC at Ughelli, local divers and a construction firm in the area, SETRACO, had recovered the vehicle with a

crane even as efforts were being intensified to retrieve the bodies of the victims and other items that were in the car.

According to him, his men and others involved in the rescue efforts had not been able to get the driving licence of the missing driver and the other occupant of the car.

He stated, however, that the documents recovered from the car read, Alaba

Joseph, an indigene of Osun State.

He attributed the cause of the accident to speed violation and lack of concentration on the part of the driver.

Meanwhile, the Benin Zonal Office has engaged the services of professional divers from Warri to help in the timely retrieval of the bodies of the victims and other items believed to be missing from the car.