Tipper crushes cyclist in Awka

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TRAFFIC along the Nnamdi Azikiwe Avenue, Awka, was held up for several hours on Tuesday morning when commercial motorcyclists protested the

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their wives at the slightest provocation, while such women suffer in silence, saying FIDA must help address such maltreatments.

She noted that many women had been divorced as a result of giving birth to only female children.

The Chairperson of FIDA in Imo State, Prof. Ine Nnadi, said they were happy for the forum to interact with the governor's wife whic she said provided an atmosphere to unwind.

death of their colleague at a police checkpoint.

The cyclist was crushed to death when he ran under the tipper carrying a full load of sharp sand while attempting to evade the police at the checkpoint opposite Mr. Bigg's.

The cyclist died on the spot. His body was, however, retrieved and taken to a nearby hospital in Awka.

But the cyclists refused to leave the spot where their colleague breathe his last. They blocked the road and obstruct traffic even as they accused the police at the checkpoint of causing the tragedy.

The whereabouts of the tipper driver could not be explained when our correspondent visited the scene of the accident. But the motorcycle still lay beneath the

tipper as at the time our correspondent visted the scene.

The six riot policemen at the checkpoint , our correspondent gathered, merely retreated from the checkpoint and settled down in front of a building from where they watched as the angry cyclists and passersbys milled around the spot of the accident.

The Anambra State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka, said he was not in the state and could not comment on the protest by the commercial motorcyclists.

He however directed questions on the incident to the Awka Area Commander, who could not be reached for comments before filing this report.