Okada riders beat chairman to death

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A 27-year-old man in Ndieke Ndiagu village in Amagu community, Ikwo Local Government Area, Ebonyi State, identified as Joseph Anyigor, has been beaten to death by members of the Okada riders' unit for allegedly riding recklessly at the marketplace.

The late Anyigor was the former Task force chairman, Motorcycle Transport Union, in Ndiagu Amagu.

An investigation conducted by our correspondent revealed that he had a scuffle with members of the union, who alleged that he rode his motorcycle recklessly at Afia Igwe Market Square and some of the union members attacked him which led to his death.

Confirming the incident to newsmen in Abakaliki on Monday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, ASP George Okafor, said that on March 4, 2016, the Chairman of Ndieke Ndiagu Amagu, Earnest Nwoba, in company with Walter Nwanchor Nwangbo and Godwin Anyigor, reported the death of Anyigor at Ikwo Police Station, at about 4.30pm.

Giving details of the incident, the police image maker said that there was a fight between the late Anyigor and his task force members on the way he drove his motorcycle at the market square. He said that the police were yet to get the full details of how he rode the motorcycle that made his union members descended so heavily on him, which led to his death.

"We are yet to discover what actually transpired that led to the death of the young man. Whatever the situation, he could not have been beaten to the extent that he died. We are yet to know if they used

weapons on him or just their fists really killed him.

"The deceased was the chairman of a task force unit of the motorcycle union in the area and it was his fellow task force members who alleged that he rode his motorcycle carelessly within the market area. May be in a bid to get him down, a scuffle ensued," he stated.

ASP Okafor disclosed that the police have arrested three suspects, namely Chukwuma Nwangbo (M), Nwabueze Nwoba (M), and Emmanuel Igboji (M) have been arrested in connection with the crime. The body of the deceased has been deposited in Onueke General Hospital, in Ezza South Local Government Area of the state.

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