

Delta motorcyclist being chased by task force killed

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A yet-to-be identified motorcyclist has been allegedly killed by task force officials from the Delta State Ministry of Transportation.

The state government had banned motorcyclists and tricycle operators for plying the expressway.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the motorcyclist met his untimely death while being chased by personnel of the revenue task force for plying the Asaba-Onitsha Expressway on Tuesday.

An eyewitness said, “The deceased was trying to avoid being arrested by the task force men, who were chasing him, unfortunately, he was crushed by a tanker driver.

“The tanker driver mistakenly killed him and escaped from being mobbed to report himself at the ‘B’ Divisional Police Station along the expressway

“The mob later took the tanker with number plate FGG 420 YQ to the station, together with its content

“Although the tanker driver tried to avoid any contact with the motorcyclist, he ended up crushing him.”

It was gathered that the task force officials disappeared immediately the victim died for fear of being mobbed by angry youths, who witnessed the accident.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, could not be reached as her phone indicated that it was switched off as of the time of filing this report.

But the spokesperson of the ministry confirmed the accident, adding that he had yet to ascertain if the task force personnel were from the ministry or not.