

Lagos drivers protest alleged killing of colleague, blame task force

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and Special Offences (Enforcement) Unit, aka task force, for the incident, which happened on Monday at Iyana Ipaja.

A protester, who spoke on condition of anonymity, lamented that security operatives in the area, particularly the task force officers, were fond of extorting money from drivers.

SOME commercial drivers on Tuesday took to the streets in the Igando area of Lagos to protest against the alleged killing of their colleague.

The protesters, who carried placards with different inscriptions, blamed men of the Lagos State Environmental

"They killed a driver, who is also a mechanic, at Iyana Ipaja and that is why commercial buses are not working today. The protest will continue tomorrow (Wednesday) and probably for the rest of the week. We are saying enough is enough. These task force guys should stop killing us," he added.

The task force, in a statement by the Head of Public Affairs Unit, Femi Moliki, denied the allegation.

Moliki said, "What led to the protest by commercial

drivers in LASU/Iyana Iba was the attempt to escape arrest by a danfo driver, who on sighting operatives of the agency in Iyana-Ipaja yesterday (Monday), sped off and hit a broken down bus.

"The broken down vehicle on impact injured a technician who was repairing it. The technician was taken to the hospital immediately where the injury was treated and discharged the same day."