

# Police begin probe as Anambra security guard kills woman

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A yet-to-be-identified personnel of the Anambra State security outfit, ‘Agunechemba’ has allegedly shot a woman dead while trying to create a passage for the convoy of the outfit.

It was gathered that the incident occurred late on Tuesday along the ever-busy Ibeto Junction at Nnewi in Nnewi North Local Government Area of the Anambra State.

The Nnewi incident would be the second casualty recorded by the operatives of Agunechemba in quick succession as they had reportedly killed a woman at a market in the Mgbakwu community in Awka North Local Government Area of the State, in March.

Eyewitnesses near the scene, said motorists were trapped in a gridlock along the Ibeto Junction when suddenly the convoy of Agunechemba operatives arrived.

To have the convoy pass through the gridlock, the operatives were said to have fired some shots into the air.

“The operatives, in their attempts to clear the way for their patrol vehicles and their convoy, started firing gunshots; and in the process, a road user, simply identified as Chiamaka, got hit by stray bullets and she slumped immediately.

“This led to panic in the area and people started scampering to safety and in the process, the Agunechemba operatives fled the scene.

“The woman was rushed to a nearby hospital and we gathered that she was thereafter confirmed dead by the doctor, as she was dangerously hit by the bullet,” a source said.

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The spokesman for the Anambra State Police Command, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, confirmed the incident in a statement on Wednesday.

He added that investigations were ongoing to unravel the circumstances behind the incident.

Ikenga, who gave the name of the victim as Chiamaka Okeke, added that the Commissioner of Police, CP Ikioye Orutugu, has sued for calm saying the command is already in contact with the relevant security outfit to identify the suspect and ensure justice is served.

He, however, stated that steps had been initiated towards identifying the patrol vehicles and those on the Agunechemba convoy involved in the incident.

He said, “Yes, the Command is aware of it. And we have escalated it to the leadership of the Agunechemba for them to help us to identify the patrol vehicles that went to Nnewi yesterday, for possible identification of the alleged operative that shot the gun.

“The Commissioner of Police Anambra State Police Command, CP Ikioye Orutugu, sues for calm and states that the Command is already in contact with the relevant security outfit to identify the suspect and ensure justice is served.

“The regrettable incident occurred in the evening of Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at Ibeto Junction, Nnewi, where a trigger-happy security operative shot a lady who was later identified as Chiamaka Okeke which resulted in her death.

“Investigations are currently ongoing and further developments would be communicated, please.”