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## 4 dead as MASSOB, security agents clash in Onitsha

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**No fewer than four persons were allegedly shot dead when members of the Movement for the Actualization of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) clashed with the joint security team in the commercial city of Onitsha.**

Though the MASSOB leader, Chief Ralph Uwazurike, who spoke through the Director for Information, Uchenna Madu, alleged that the recent killing of their members by joint patrol team was not unconnected to their earlier stand that the movement would not support All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) in the Saturday governorship election in the state.

Madu stated that the incident occurred in the early hours of yesterday when security men stormed MASSOB headquarters along Onitsha-Owerri Road and allegedly opened fire on their members which resulted to the death of four persons while scores sustained gunshot wounds.

He alleged that over 87 injured persons were denied medical attention because of lack of police medical permit, adding that 18 vehicles belonging to MASSOB members and traders at Ngbuka-Obosi, Old Motor Spare Parts Obosi as well as 137 motorcycles belonging to MASSOB members were also burnt during the incident.

The MASSOB image-maker also said 37 traders in the Old Motor Spare Parts Obosi, Ngbuka also sustained bullet wounds and were rushed to various hospitals for medical attention.

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