

Bus driver found dead in Nnewi

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A middle-aged commercial bus driver was found dead yesterday inside a water channel in Nnewi,

Anambra State, near the Central Police Station, with his head coated in blood.

The victim, whose name was given as Emeka, our source said, plied Nnewi-Ozubulu-Ihiala route and after dropping his passengers

at Ihiala the previous day, made a turn-back possibly for another trip. On getting to a riverside called Mmili Ele he was said to have gone into the bush to ease himself but never returned alive.

It was gathered that on his

way out of the bush, he allegedly slipped off a plank he was crossing and fell into the water channel, hitting his head on a hard concrete surface and bled to death. It was not clear whether he was carrying passengers in his bus at the time of the incident but his bus was seen parked by the roadside the next day (yesterday).

Our source said when the wife of the deceased, did not see her husband at the close of work on Saturday, she reported to her husband's colleagues and a search party was raised which traced the bus driver to Mmili Ele where his vehicle was seen. The team of drivers later moved into the bush, where they recovered his body. The source said the search party that included the wife and children of the deceased saw where he had passed faeces before his death.

High-tech security for Onitsha Main Market

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The Onitsha Main Market is now under high technology video surveillance as part of official effort to beef-up security in the market.

The Security Adviser to the Anambra State Governor, Mr. Chikodili Anarah, who made this known after inspecting the project at OMATA House, said it was part of efforts to keep Anambra State free of criminals.

Anarah said the state government would soon consider extending the project, to cover all major markets and all strategic areas of the state.

He said he was at the site to personally inspect the effectiveness of the pilot project, so that he could properly brief Governor Willie Obiano.

Earlier, the Managing Director of Metro-Digital Mobile Ltd, executing the project, Mr. Oliva Uzochukwu, said the security camera installation at Main Market, Onitsha, was a pilot project and that as soon as the company received

necessary approval, virtually all areas of the state would be captured in the scheme.

He stated that the pilot project took off in November 2013, adding that the entire Main Market and environs were effectively covered by the surveillance machine.

The President of Onitsha Main Market Traders Association (OMMATA), Chief Innocent Agudiegwu, expressed delight at the effectiveness of the surveillance project, which he said, had made criminals to leave the Main Market.