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## Evangelist beaten to death in Anambra

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**A** 55-year-old evangelist, a father of eight in Nnewi, Anambra State, Mr. Okechukwu Chukwuemeka, was last Tuesday at Upper Iweka, Onitsha, allegedly beaten to death by Emblem Task force members working for an agent.

The deceased, who was said to be a strong member of the Chosen Charismatic Revival, a widower was contracted by an organisation for one week to transport its members with his L300 Mitsubishi bus. 'Chosen Gen-

eration' is boldly inscribed on the bus.

According to a source, on the sixth day of the charter, late Chukwuemeka was plying Upper Iweka, Onitsha area with his passengers, when five men with a bus double-crossed him and demanded vehicle emblems worth about N5,000 from him. As he could not produce that, the source said, the men became infuriated and descended on him.

They allegedly dragged him out of his bus "without any challenge" and allegedly gave him the beating of his life and drove off with his vehicle to their office leaving him helpless by the roadside. The deceased was later taken

to a hospital by sympathisers, where doctor confirmed him dead before his relations could be reached. His bus was allegedly seen at the task force's office, where police arrested two of the suspects, while three were still at large as at the time of filing this report. The relations of the deceased alleged that N36,000, proceeds of the charter was missing.

Relations of the deceased including, Chief Dozie Onumegbu and National Organising Secretary of the Labour Party, Comrade Clement Ojukwu, have cried for justice. They wondered how the deceased's eight tender children would be trained as he was the breadwinner, having

lost his wife ten years ago.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Anambra State Police Command, Mr. Uche Eze (DSP), confirmed the incident. He said two suspects had been arrested while the police were still trailing three other suspects at large.

## Group commends resolution

**N**igerians have been enjoined to assist the leaders in government with fervent prayers, and constructive suggestions and

## Man jailed 3 years for rape in Ebonyi

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