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Security man kills trader

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A MIDDLE aged man was yesterday shot dead by a security man at the Dry Meat Market in Uruala Street, Woliwo Onitsha, Anambra state over a disagreement between the security man and the victim.

It was gathered that the deceased who hails from Nnwe in Agwu Local Government Area of Enugu State was exchanging words with the security man before he pulled his gun and shot the yet to identified victim two times in the stomach.

The President-General of the Woliwo community, Chief Thaddeus Enyioha said the incident happened around 7.15 pm on Tuesday when the security man shot the man at a close range twice in the stomach.

"He was rushed to a private hospital where he was confirmed dead. The dry meat business is always hectic on Mondays and Tuesdays when people from all parts of the country gather to buy from the market," he said.

He blamed the market chairman for the incident. According to him, the chairman hires security men from outside the community whenever they were off-loading goods on Mondays and Tuesdays, saying that the security man was brought from somewhere and not from their community.

Meanwhile, the traders and kinsmen of the deceased took to the streets of the market protesting his death demanding for arrest and prosecution of the security man.

The market was shutdown due to the protest and when our correspondent visited the street the shops were locked and some tyres set ablaze by the protesters were still burning.

A landlord in the street Chief Emma Izundu regretted the death of the young man and wondered why security men always pulled their gun on a little provocation by the residents, saying that they have been complaining in the past.

He however called on the government to relocate the market from the street to a permanent site because, according to him, the disturbance being caused by the traders in the area was no longer bearable for the residents.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Central Police Station (CPS) Onitsha, Mr. Mark Ijarafu, who confirmed the incident said the suspect has been arrested by the police while investigation was on to ascertain the cause of the shooting and killing of the victim.

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