

Airport security beats girl, 17, to death in Ebonyi

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A security guard working at the site of the Ebonyi International Airport, Onueke, Ebonyi State, Chukwuma Anyigor popularly known as "Ite Igwe," has allegedly beaten a 17-year-old girl, Miss Nwuka Nwafor, to death.

The victim was said to be an SS 1 student of Izo High School in Ezza North Local Government Area of the state who engaged in menial jobs at the construction site during the weekends and holidays, to make ends meet.

A worker at the site told Daily Sun that trouble started when Anyigor instructed the deceased to evacuate some corn husks which were heaped at a particular section of the place.

But the young girl who had not eaten any

corn before the incident let alone dropping its husks at the place refused to comply with the directive, a situation which infuriated Anyigor and he picked an object suspected to be a piece of plumbing pipe and hit her severally on the head: "On the sorrowful day, Miss Nwuka and one of her friends were moving from one section of the airport to another in search of work until when they encountered Mr. Anyigor who particularly directed the deceased to pack the waste which was dumped by someone else.

"But the girl who could not figure out the reason behind such instruction refused to obey the command and Mr. Anyigor who could not control his anger started to beat the girl until she fainted."

The deceased's elder brother, Sunday Nwafor, said that Nwuka was rushed to the General

Hospital, Onueke, and later to the Alex Ekwueme University Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki, where she was confirmed dead by medical doctors.

Corroborating the incident, another of Nwuka's siblings, Ekene Nwafor on behalf of the family, appealed to the authorities for justice for his innocent sister: "It actually happened on July 29. My sister did not commit any offence unless it has become an offence to fend for oneself. So, Nwuka died struggling to survive and she deserves justice. As a family, we demand for justice."

Though, the police could not confirm the incident, but we learnt that the accused was instantly apprehended by security personnel at the site and later handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department at the State Police Command headquarters, Abakaliki.



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