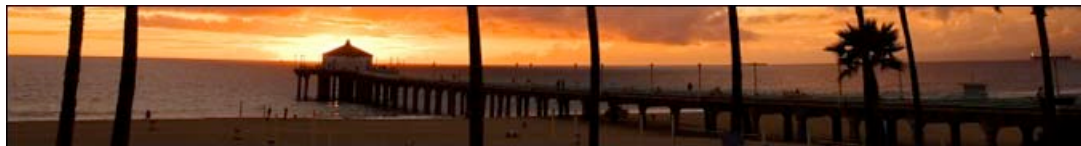


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Eye witness told THISDAY that the trailer was coming from the Port Harcourt road axis while the former commissioner was driving out in his 406 ash colour Peugeot car from Imo Concorde road and met the trailer suddenly at the Concorde Junction where he ran into the trailer that crushed him in front of the filling station.

Also reports had it that the Chairman of Nwangele local government had gone to his country home with some cash to distribute in readiness for the election when unknown gun men stormed the place and opened fire which left about six people dead.

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