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Two middle aged men crushed to death in Onitsha

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July 10, 2008 saw the abrupt end to two middle aged lives along the Upper Iweka expressway in a manner that brought fears and uneasiness to the people of Onitsha. It was bloodily and airy how two separate accidents hours apart on virtually the same spot on Upper Iweka.

One of the fatal accidents involved a Mercedes 911 lorry that was heading down from the Upper Iweka end of the Road towards Main Market when a Mitsubishi L300 bus hit a cyclist carrying a passenger, and as **Ureports** gathered, upon impact with the L300 bus, the passenger was thrown under the Mercedes 911 lorry that crushed the middle aged man to death instantly.

The cyclist was seriously injured and rushed to a nearby hospital. The accident which occurred at about 9:30am occurred near the Ochanja Market Roundabout. According to information available to Ureports, the victim only boarded the motor-bike just less than 50 Metres from the point of accident.

The other fatal accident occurred five hours after the first accident. Interestingly, it killed another middle-aged man who was crushed to death by a tanker at the Upper Iweka Road opposite the Transport Corporation of Anambra State (TRACAS), about 150 Metres from the scene of the first accident.

The Tanker, according to our source was heading towards Awka, along the Onitsha-Enugu Express way when the accident occurred. It was disclosed that the tanker driver was trying to untangle from the traffic jam at the expressway when he knocked the man down, smashing the head in the process. As agents of **Ureports** arrived at the scene of the accident, the skull of the victim was still splattered on the road as his body lay in a pool of his own blood.

The Onitsha Police Area Commander, Mr. Larry Osita who was at Awka did not have any comments when he was contacted by Ureports.

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