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1 killed as APGA, Accord Party supporters clash in Anambra

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AWKA- ONE person was feared dead and several others sustained injuries in Awka

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yesterday during a clash at Eke Awka Central market between supporters of All Progressives Grand Alliance, APGA, and Accord Party during a rally by Senator Annie Okonkwo.

The candidate of Accord Party for Anambra Central, Senator Okonkwo, sustained injuries during the clash and had to report the matter to the police.

Vanguard gathered that trouble started when a section of the leadership of the market ordered its closure as a mark of respect for Senator Okonkwo who was billed to campaign in the market, a decision that was opposed by some of the leaders.

When Okonkwo and his campaign train arrived the market and set out to address the traders, some of them started shouting APGA and ACN slogans and this caused chaos around the ever busy Zik,s Avenue facing the market.

An eyewitness said it was at that stage that one of the traders, whose name was not immediately known, drew a matchet and attempted to cut a policeman accompanying Okonkwo, adding that apparently in self-defense, the policeman shot at him.

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