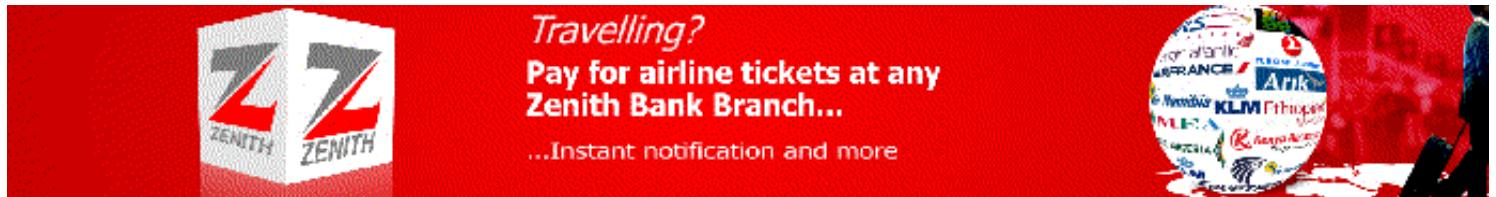


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## Police avert violent protest in Bayelsa community

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The police in Bayelsa State Wednesday averted what could have been a violent protest by aggrieved youths of Otuokpoti community in Ogbia Local Government council following the crushing to death of a cement trader by a truck in the area

It was however learnt that the driver of the truck has reported himself to the police and his being detained.

Vanguard learnt that the accident, which occurred Monday, was caused by the alleged recklessness of the truck driver conveying sand in the area.

The Otuokpoti axis of Ogbia council area alone has no fewer than seven sand dump sites servicing property developers along the Otuoke-Azikoro road.

The deceased cement trader, simply identified as Monday, an indigene of Anambra State, according to an eyewitness, was crushed to death while parking his motorcycle he had earlier used in conveying cement to a nearby town.

According to the eyewitness, “three trucks involved in sand delivery business in the area were sighted moving at top speed and competing along the narrow road over who to be the first to carry sand at the dump. We just saw one of the truck ran into the Okada and later discover that the cement dealer was under the carnage.”

The victim was reportedly rushed to the Azikoro community health centre by sympathizers where he was pronounced dead.

Sensing danger, the truck driver was said to have reported himself to the police at the Azikoro Division for fear of reprisal attack.

The youths were said to have staged protest against operators of the sand dump and truck drivers in the area. A truck was reportedly set ablaze but the fire was put off following the quick intervention of the police.

Contacted, the state police public relations officer, Mr. Alex Akhigbe, confirmed the incident.

He said investigation into the matter is being handled by the Kolo Divisional Police Headquarters.

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