

leadership of the APC," the party stated.

High Commissioner of Kenya, at the CTO conference, in Abuja, yesterday.

Protest in Anambra community following alleged Police killing, arrest

By Vincent Ujumadu

AWKA—TENSION is mounting in the sleepy community of Nanka in Orumba North local government area of Anambra State, following consistent protest by youths over the alleged killing of a middle

aged man and arrest of another by policemen from Zone 9, Umuahia, Abia State

Since Sunday when the incident took place, motorists driving through the busy Ekwuluobia-Agulu road have been having a raw deal as the protesters have been blocking the road on daily basis, with the attendant traffic gridlock.

The protesters insisted

yesterday that they would continue to block the major link road between Anambra and Imo states until the person allegedly arrested by the police and taken to Zone 9 in Umuahia was released.

It was alleged that some police officers from zone 9 had stormed the community to arrest those allegedly involved in illegal dredging,

which was one of the major causes of gully erosion in the area.

In fact, Nanka is one of the erosion-prone communities in Anambra State and although the state government had banned sand excavation and dredging in the area, the illegal business had continued to thrive.

Anambra State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Hosea Karma, said yesterday that there was no cause for alarm, adding that the state police command was on top of the situation.

Karma said he had already deployed security operatives to the community to maintain law and order, even as he added that the matter had been reported to the Assistant Inspector General of Police, AIG, in charge of the zone, Mr. Usman Gwary.