

Police kill taskforce member, another in Abia

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UMUAHIA—TWO persons were, yesterday, shot dead in Aba, Abia State, as Policemen shot dead a member of the taskforce of the state Board of Internal Revenue, BIR, as they allegedly attempted to stop the taskforce from impounding a car.

It was gathered that a passerby, who was also hit by a bullet fired by the

police, along Asa road, later died at the hospital.

Trouble was said to have started in the area when the taskforce team was said to have accosted a bread seller who allegedly uses a private car to sell bread.

Eyewitnesses told *Vanguard* that the policemen were invited by the bread seller after he declined to 'settle' the taskforce team who attempted impounding his car for using a private car

for the sale of bread.

A struggle was said to have ensued as the police fired sporadic shots which hit a member of the taskforce as well as a passerby. The taskforce member died on the spot while the passerby was said to have gave up the ghost at the hospital.

The incident, *Vanguard* gathered, angered the youths who had mobilized to attack the policemen, but a combined team of Mopol men and Soldiers stormed the area and dispersed them.