

Killing of Amobi Igwe by an officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps

On Wednesday, the 15th of April 2020, a commercial vehicle driver, Amobi Igwe, was killed by an officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Eke Richard. The incident happened at the tollgate area of the Umuahia-Aba Expressway in Umuikwa, Isialangwa South Local Government Area of Abia State around 7.10am. The victim was conveying food items to Aba when the NSCDC officer stopped him and demanded a bribe to allow him passage since the roads were blocked due to the lockdown necessitated by COVID-19. The driver refused to pay the bribe, and that led to his harassment and subsequent murder by the officer. The state Commandant of the NSCDC, A. C. Nwannukwu confirmed the incident in a statement but denied the reason given above for the driver's death. He claimed that the driver was not conveying foodstuffs but refused to stop at the instance of the police officer and got killed accidentally by a bullet the officer sprayed in the air in an attempt to get him to halt.