

3 DIE AS TRUCK, TRICYCLE COLLIDE IN AKWA IBOM

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Three lives have been lost in a fatal road accident around Ette Junction in Ikot Abasi local government area of Akwa Ibom State.

An eyewitness, Bassey Isang, a motorcyclist, told our correspondent that the accident occurred when a Mack truck with registration number XS 761 LSD tried to overtake a parked vehicle but suddenly came face to face with a tricycle, with its occupants oblivious to the approaching articulated truck.

It was gathered that the parked vehicles belonged to Sterling Petrochemical and Fertiliser Limited, which operates in the Ette community.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has yet to release an official statement on the crash, but the management of the Sterling Petrochemical and Fertiliser Limited has expressed regret over the incident and consoled the bereaved family.

The firm's media manager, Aniekeme Finbarr, who confirmed the incident, urged road users to exercise caution.

"We regret to confirm a tragic road traffic incident that occurred along our operational route at Ette Junction, involving a Mack truck with registration number XS 761 LSD.