

2 Brothers Crushed To Death In Ondo

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Tragedy struck yesterday in Akure, the Ondo State capital, as two middle-aged brothers riding on a motorcycle were crushed to death by a tipper truck on the ever-busy Fiwasaye Road.

The accident occurred in front of the Vehicle Inspection Office (VIO), prompting angry residents to allege that the VIO operatives caused the accident. The victims, including a motorcycle rider identified as Emeka Michael, 40, and his passenger, were reportedly fruit sellers operating in the area and died on the spot.

According to eyewitness accounts, the truck rammed into the motorcycle and other vehicles during the incident, triggering panic among road users and passers-by.

A commercial driver who narrowly escaped the crash said he had parked his vehicle to offload goods when the incident occurred.

"I was about to bring down the goods when I suddenly heard people shouting. When I looked back, I saw the tipper ramming into vehicles and motorcycles. I ran for my life," he said, adding that his vehicle was badly damaged.

Sources at the scene alleged that

VIO officials were conducting a stop-and-check operation on vehicle licences at the time of the crash, which reportedly caused traffic congestion along the busy road.

Confirming the incident, the Ondo State Police Command said the accident occurred at about 11:00 a.m. in front of the VIO office along Fiwasaye Road, Akure.

According to the command spokesperson, Abayomi Jimoh, the crash involved an unregistered diesel tipper truck and a Nissan vehicle with registration number ONDO WWW-327TA, driven by one Lawal Adegoke.