

Mother of three killed in Imo truck crash, husband injured

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TRAGEDY struck the Iho community in Ikeduru Local Government Area of Imo State on Monday night when a truck laden with chippings rammed into a residential building, killing a mother of three, Mrs Chioma Ogu, and leaving her husband critically injured.

Residents said the couple were inside their bungalow when the truck reportedly lost control and ploughed

into their home.

A community source, Mr Emma Emeka, alleged that the driver may have dozed off behind the wheel, causing the vehicle to veer off the road and crash into the building.

"The incident happened late at night when many families had already retired to bed. We suddenly heard a loud bang followed by screams from Mr Ogu," Emeka recounted.

"When we rushed out,

we saw Mrs Chioma Ogu lying lifeless. She was crushed when the truck rammed into their house. As we speak, Mr Ogu is battling for his life in the hospital.

This is indeed tragic."

Residents described the scene as heartbreaking,



•The crashed truck. Photo: PUNCH Online

noting that the deceased had been making preparations for her mother's burial

scheduled for this weekend before her untimely death.

The incident has thrown the entire Iho community into mourning, with sympathisers trooping to the family's residence to offer support.

Efforts to reach the spokesperson for the Imo State Police Command, DSP Henry Okoye, were unsuccessful as he did not respond to calls and messages as of the time of filing this report.

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