

PROMOTION... Inspector General of Police, Mr. Saheed Dosunmu, was promoted to the new rank as Assistant Inspector-General of Police, assisted by DIG, Mike Okachie.

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A FOUR-YEAR-OLD pupil, Blessing Obido, in a Primary school in Gbagada area of Lagos, was yesterday crushed to death by an escaping driver who tried to run away from men posing as council authorities.

The incident, which took place at Morekenji Street, was as a result of the alleged illegal activities of the said local government officials who tried to apprehend the driver of a black Toyota Carina with registration number LA 229 AAA, for an alleged illegal driving.

Eye witness account told Saturday Champion that trouble started when the so-called Bariga Local Government officials were trying to apprehend the driver for driving against traffic. The driver's refusal to comply with their directive eventually led to their swooping on the car and dragging the steering with him. It was in the process that the car lost control and crushed the little girl who was passing by.

The said officials on noticing that the girl was dead, forced the driver to carry the corpse and eat

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it. But for the intervention of the residents, the driver would have been lynched by the said council officials.

Saturday Champion learnt that the said council members disappeared as crowd gathered. But nemesis caught up with one of them named Saheed Dosunmu, who was thoroughly beaten by the angry crowd and is now cooling off his heels with the driver at Pedro Police Station, Lagos.

But the Bariga Local Government council manager, Traffic, Mr. Rasheed Pedro denied that the said council officials were staff of his local government.

He told Saturday Champion at the Pedro Police Station that "those people are doing illegal job" and that he did not know them even.

He said that he was even

harassed by the same people three days earlier as they accused him of illegal driving, even as he is the real head of such unit.

He concluded that the council has put in place measures to curtail the activities of these people whom he said dent the image of his council even as he told the police to investigate the matter and deal with the culprits appropriately.

However, every effort to get the comments of the DPO on the matter, proved abortive as the officer was not around as at the time of Saturday Champion's visit.

But the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Olubode Ojajuni, (DSP) when contacted said that he was waiting for the police investigation in the matter even as he said that he had not been briefed.

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