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Trailer crushes 6

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A deadly chase of a trailer by policemen barely 72 hours to the new year ended on a sad note yesterday at Effurun, headquarters of Uvwie local government area of Delta state when six persons lost their lives on the spot.

An eye witness told our correspondents yesterday at the scene of the accident that a container carried by the trailer fell off in the process of the hot chase of its driver by the police.

Our correspondent gathered that the accident which occurred by the Agbor/Abraka Park about 7:30am was caused by some policemen from the Ekpan Division who witnesses alleged were pursuing the trailer in their Volvo patrol car as the driver refused to obey their stop order.

It was also learnt that for the fear of being apprehended by the police, the driver of the trailer with Reg. No: XZ160KJA (Lagos) in an attempt to escape, lost control and climbed the concrete road divider, which led to the fatal fall of the container on the unsuspecting victims amongst who were Okada riders and their passengers.

When our correspondents visited the scene of the accident, security operatives and officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) under the supervision of the commander of Delta State Joint Patrol, DSP Gbenga Ojo were seen making frantic efforts to remove the trailer which caused traffic jam along PTI/Effurun road.

The accident *Daily Champion* further gathered created serious tension at the PTI roundabout as some youths went wild, smashing windscreens of vehicles in the process.

The angry mob called on relevant authorities to check the excesses of policemen at checkpoints.

security agents later arrived the scene, and fired gunshots to disperse the crowd. The bodies of the deceased were later taken to the Ekpan mortuary while the trailer and container were taken to the Ekpan Police Station even as the driver and his conductor were said to have disappeared from the scene as soon as the accident occurred.



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