

# Trailer crushes family of 4 to death



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It was a tragic day yesterday as an unidentified mother and her three children were crushed to death in a ghastly motor accident involving a trailer and a Mercedes Benz

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saloon car at Ijesha, bus stop in Lagos.

However, the husband and father of the deceased whose identities could not also be ascertained at press time, narrowly cheated death and is said to be recuperating in an undisclosed hospital in the area.

Daily Champion learnt that the driver of the trailer with registration no XQ 710 EKY disappeared into thin air shortly after the accident occurred.

Our correspondent who visited the scene of the accident reports that no security agencies including members of the Red Cross society were on ground to assist recover the trapped bodies.

As at the time of filing this report, sympathizers were using crude implements to attempt to dismember the Mercedes Benz V-boot to remove the victims.

An eye witness said the accident was caused by a motor cyclist, popularly known as Okada who suddenly crossed the express road without observing the road caution.

The witness said the trailer driver lost control while attempting to maneuver his way so as to avoid crushing the Okada

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driver.

He said while the trailer was battling to gain control, the container swerved and fell on top of the Mercedes Benz.

However, he said that the driver of the Mercedes Benz who is also the father of the deceased wanted to hurriedly pass from the right side of the road but was allegedly blocked by a jeep which narrowly escaped the accident.

"The driver wanted to escape when he saw how the trailer was moving but there were already three cars including a jeep that was in his front. He tried to dodge the trailer but it was late."

Another witness also said the woman and her babies would have been rescued if prompt emergency assistance were rendered.

He said: "This incident happened around 5.30 pm and up till 8.30 pm no government agency has shown up. If they (government rescue outfit) had come, perhaps the victims would have been rescued."

Describing the escape of the husband as a miracle, the witness said the body of the wife who sat in front seat with her husband

was smashed.

Daily Champion witnessed the axing of the Mercedes car to free the woman who was held at the abdomen.

Two of her children were said to have sat at the back seat while the wife sat with her tender baby in the front. However, Lagos Police Command could not be reached for comments as at press time.

## Nigeria's eco

MINISTER of State for Finance, Mr. Remi Babalola, has expressed worry over the dwindling fortunes of the nation's economy, saying it is faced with high degree of uncertainty most likely to persist following the unabated global economic meltdown.

His alarm coincides with the revelation by the Federation Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC), that the Nation lost over N149.82 Billions which would have accrued to the FAAC accounts as oil revenues due to disruption of production at Tebidaba flow station by militants and pirates as well as continuing drop in crude oil prices which has decreased as low as \$14.74 per