



Petrol tanker crushes man to death in Abeokuta

A carpenter, Nureni Makinde, 30, was on Tuesday crushed to death by a petrol tanker at the Oke-Sokori area of Abeokuta.

The accident, according to eye witnesses, occurred at about 10:15 a.m as Makinde, who had gone to purchase materials for a job, was trying to cross the road.

The tanker, with the registration number, Lagos XM 10 FST, was carrying a full load of petroleum products when the incident happened.

An eye witness, Mr. Aremu Olawale, said that the tanker took a lane depicted as “one-way” following the on-going construction work on the Ibara/ Ita Eko/ Totoro road.

Nureni, who crossed the road believing that he was on the safe side of the road, was crushed beyond recognition.

The driver of the tanker, however, took to his heels and was later arrested by a combined team of police men and officers of the Ogun Traffic Compliance Enforcement (TRACE) which was on patrol.

The late Makinde, his elder brother, Adisa, said the deceased left the house about five minutes before the incident.

Adisa said the deceased was survived by a wife and three children while his corpse had since been deposited in the morgue at the State Hospital, Ijaiye, Abeokuta.

Confirming the incident, the TRACE Commandant General, Ayo Sangofadeji, urged motorists in Abeokuta metropolis to be mindful of the on-going reconstruction work in the city.

Sangofadeji said the tanker was towed by the combined team of TRACE officials and policemen inspite of the resistance put up by an irate mob.