

Accident along Abuja-Lokoja highway claims street hawker

A teenager, Joseph Ogbayi, who hawks a popular snack sandwich, 'Gala', lost his life yesterday when a private car ran into him at the Giri junction along Abuja-Zuba road.

The incident which occurred at about 11.30am yesterday, caused pandemonium at the popular junction where commuters along the ever busy road usually stop to buy foodstuffs and other consumables.

The private ash-coloured Honda Civic saloon car, with registration number Kano AE 833 RAN, was, according to eyewitnesses, coming from the Gwagwalada end of the highway heading towards Zuba.

Upon approaching the Giri junction, the late Joseph, who hailed from Ebonyi State, was said to have dashed towards the on-coming Honda Civic, obviously in an attempt to hawk his 'Gala',

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while the unsuspecting driver of the car, with two female occupants, was making attempt to manoeuvre an undulated portion of the highway.

The right wing of the Honda Civic saloon car was said to have smashed into the late Joseph and threw him violently to the kerb, with his tool of trade scattering across the busy highway, while his mates rushed to him and find him dead in a pool of his own blood.

The accident triggered wailing among women who sell yams, tomatoes etc. at the Giri junction, as only shouts of 'Joseph, Joseph...Joseph ooo!' could be heard from them and other hawker colleagues of the late Joseph.

An FRSC towing truck, which arrived the scene of the accident promptly, evacuated the victim from the spot and headed towards Gwagwalada.