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# One dies as truck crushes 16 vehicles at Asokoro

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ONE person died while a woman was seriously injured when a truck crushed 16 vehicles at Asokoro, Abuja, yesterday.

A witness, Ahmed Isah, said at about 8 am, a trailer carrying bags of cement lost control and crashed into 16 vehicles, killing a driver instantly.

Another witness, Paul Madu, said his car was trapped in a

traffic jam when the accident occurred and he drove his jeep into a ditch to avoid being hit by the truck.

"It was a horrible sight as victims bleed inside their vehicles and a life was lost," he lamented.

Another witness, Hajia Aisha Mohammed, appealed to the FCT minister to do something about the incessant accident situation on AYA to Nyanya Highway.

She advised the FCT Admin-

istration to prevent heavy duty vehicles from plying roads in the city centre in the day time but after rush hours.

Bola, another motorist, called on the administration to stop such vehicles within the hours of 6 to 10:30 in the morning period and 4 to 10:30 pm in the evenings.

The Directorate of Road Traffic Services Safety Commander in Asokoro also advocated for a ban of such vehicles during the day time.

Mr. D.O Ayemi of the Federal Road Safety Commission advised motorists to quickly contact the commission whenever accidents occur.

Reacting, the Asokoro Divisional Police Officer, Chief Superintendent Ahmed Musa, said five women were seriously injured, while one person was confirmed dead.

He said efforts were being made to clear the road to ensure free flow of traffic.

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