

## **COUPLE, 5 OTHERS CRUSHED TO DEATH IN OGUN**

## ...AS IRATE MOB ATTACKS DANGOTE TRUCKS

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Seven people, including a couple have been crushed to death in an accident involving a trailer at Dangote Cement factory road, at Ibese in Yewa North local government area of Ogun State.

The accident, which occurred late Thursday evening, has again disrupted commercial activities in the cement-factory community, as irate mob yesterday, went after vehicles belonging to the company.

Weekly Trust learnt that the accident, which involves three trucks belonging to the cement company was adduced to recklessness on the part of the truck drivers.

The unit commander of Itori Federal Road Safety Corps, Fatai Bakare while confirming the incident to newsmen in Abeokuta, said the number plates of the trucks were removed before the arrival of the security operatives.

The development ignited reaction from the irate youths in the area who burnt two trailers belonging to the cement company alongside a trailer motor boy.

Bakare said the bodies of the deceased had been deposited at the Ilaro General Hospital morgue.

"It was an accident involving three trucks belonging to Dangote Cement Company but the number plates of the trucks were already removed before the men of FRSC got to the scene."

But in a swift reaction, the Head, Corporate Communications of Dangote Cement, Anthony Chiejina, denied that the trailer which crushed the victims belong to the company.

Chiejina described the development as unfortunate, adding that men of the company was on ground to ascertain the development and provide assistance to those who might have been affected.

"Dangote Cement Plc has learnt of a sad and unfortunate incident involving a cement dealer's truck (not Dangote truck) resulting in loss of lives at Ibese, near Ilaro, Ogun State.

"The angry community immediately after, in reaction to the incident way laid Dangote Cement trucks, (both empty and cement loaded), coming to and from our plant, attacked the drivers and burnt the trucks.

"We are currently on ground to ascertain the development and provide assistance to those who might have been affected," the statement reads in part.



