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Female teacher, daughter crushed to death on way to school

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Tragedy struck at Suleja in Niger State yesterday when a female school teacher, her daughter and a commercial motorcyclist, who was taking them to school, were crushed to death by a truck.

Shafatu Umar Galadima, 25, backed her six-year-old daughter and was heading to City Academy, Suleja, where she worked when the incidence happened along Hassan Dallatu road.

Husband of the deceased, Nura Musa Bangi, said the six-year-old daughter and the commercial motorcyclist conveying them to the school died in the incident.

Also, another daughter of the family named Maryam, who was on the motorcycle, sustained some injuries, while their fourth son, also on the motorcycle escaped unhurt. Witnesses who spoke to City News, attributed the accident to wrongful overtaking by the motorcyclist, who in the process, clashed with on-coming motorcyclist and fell down.

"The tipper trailing the motorcyclist from behind ran over them unavoidably," one of the witnesses said.

Our reporter gathered that the driver of the truck and other occupants fled the scene shortly after the accident but later reported at the Suleja police "A" division.

A witness said the truck driver took the decision apparently to avoid mob action.

City News reports that officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) initially took the corpses of the victims to Suleja General Hospital where they were deposited.

However, the remains of the woman and her daughter were later collected and buried yesterday, while that of the motorcyclist was taken to his home town in Niger State.

At the FRSC office in Suleja, the Unit Commander, Yinka Akande, was said to be away on an official duty but the Acting Commander, Kemi Adams, confirmed the incident, adding that the matter was registered as "wrong over taking from part of the cyclist and break failure from the truck."

The Divisional Police Officer, Suleja "A" division, Francis Ekanem, a Chief Superintendent, confirmed the accident, adding that investigation on the case has commenced.

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