Trailer kills motorcyclist in Rivers

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A commercial motorcyclist was on Sunday evening crushed to death by a heavy-duty truck at the collapsed section of East-West Road close to the Indorama/Akpajo interjection road in Eleme Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Witnesses said the deceased was knocked down by the truck as the driver of the heavy-duty truck tried to maneuver the collapsed section of the road and its back tyre crushed the head of the bike rider.

The incident caused traffic gridlock at a section of the road as passersby and sympathisers made efforts to pull the deceased and the bike from the truck.

It would be recalled that youths of Eleme had barricaded the East-West Road last month for one week to protest the dilapidated state of the road.

The protesters left when the federal government assured them that the road would be fixed in a short time.