

Tipper Crushes 2 Students In Bayelsa



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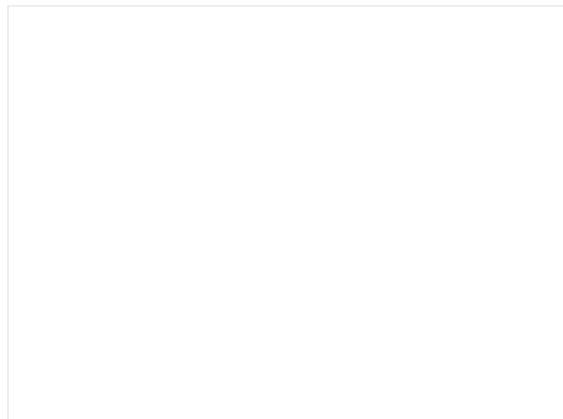
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Two persons suspected to be university students in Bayelsa State have been crushed to death after a tipper collided with a tricycle along Tombia-Ammassoma Road.

Daily Trust gathered that the accident which occurred on Tuesday also left some passengers in the tricycle critically injured.

According to some residents of the area, the accident happened near a dangerous bend along the highway due to poor road markings and speeding.



They said the tipper was descending the slope at high speed when it lost control and rammed into the tricycle.

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Godspower Okolo, a trader in the area, told journalists that the tipper driver was moving too fast, and by the time he tried to swerve, it was too late.

“This incident has renewed calls for stricter traffic enforcement. The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the State Police Command should intensify patrols, introduce speed breakers, and conduct regular safety checks on heavy-duty vehicles,” he said.

Another resident, Mrs. Ebike Ekain, said if the appropriate authorities did not act now, more lives would be lost to accidents in the near future.

Checks from Daily Trust indicate that about 15 accidents have occurred in Tombia–Amassoma in the last 18 months, most of them involving tipper and commercial tricycles.

Police spokesman in Bayelsa State, DSP Musa Muhammad, confirmed the accident, adding that investigation was ongoing to unravel the cause of the auto crash.