

# Fuel Tanker Kills Two In Mazamaza

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ON the eve of Christmas, two people were feared dead in an accident caused by a petroleum tanker that allegedly failed brake in Mazamaza area of Lagos. The accident, which occurred around 11 am, also crushed three motorbikes and partly damaged a jeep car.

According to an eyewitness, Ikechukwu, the truck coming from Mile Two, apparently suffered brake failure, after which the driver began shouting, 'no brake, no brake', and in an attempt to stop the truck, he ran into a fallen perimeter fence and jumped over. It was in the process the truck trampled on the first motorbike, killing one of the riders on the spot while the second person was critically injured.

Ikechukwu said the truck trampled on two other motorcycles, including a beggar sitting by the roadside, who also died on the spot. The truck, it was learnt could have done more damage if it was not stopped by one of the streetlight poles, which eventually brought it to a halt.

When *the Guardian* got to the scene, a few sympathizers were already lamenting, while attempts were made to rush one of the survivors, who were in a critical state, to hospital.

Even when a team of Policemen, arrived in an armoured tank and a pick up van, attempt by sympathizers to put the injured man into the Police van was rejected. The man was finally rescued when an army officer accompanied another driver to carry the man to hospital.

One of the *Okada* riders, Mark Iliya, whose motorcycle was badly crushed beyond repairs, said if the people along the road had not shouted, which alerted him he would have been crushed to death.

Before the reporter left the scene of the accident, officers of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) had arrived to remove the dead bodies.

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