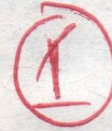


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Woman, grandchild die in Anambra auto-crash



• Obiano promises to take care of victims' family, warns reckless drivers

From Uzoma Nzeagwu, Awka

A 911 lorry with registration number XB 751-PHC yesterday crushed a woman, popularly known as Mama Ejima and her grandchild to death at IKB Junction, Ejighinandu, along Nnobi-Ekwulobia Expressway in Idemili South Local Council of Anambra State.

According to a witness, the lorry, which was coming from Eke Awka-Etiti had a brake failure and the driver lost control before crushing Mama Ejima and the baby.

He said Mama Ejima was a popular widow, who sold banana to feed her family, adding that she had just closed for the day and was heading home with her grandchild when the accident occurred.

The crash, however, happened some minutes before the Anambra State governor, Willy Obiano's convoy, which was returning from a function at Mbosi, arrived the scene.

The witness, who would not want his name mentioned, said the bodies of the victims were decapi-

tated, with heads crushed and the woman's hand cut off, while the crowd and children of the woman wailed uncontrollably beside the bodies.

He said: "As the crowd watched helplessly, Obiano's convoy arrived the scene and the governor, who could not hold back tears, ordered his convoy to take the bodies to Our Lady of Fatima mortuary, using the convoy's ambulance.

"Under the supervision of the governor, his medical team, with the help of his security officers, took bodies to the mortuary in the company of Mama Ejima's children."

Obiano, who condoled with the people of Awka-Etiti, however, urged them to go about their normal businesses, even as he warned careless drivers to steer clear of Anambra State, stressing that no life of any citizen is worth being wasted.

The governor also promised to assist members of the bereaved family.

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