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'Hit-and-run' driver allegedly kills mother, child, injures others

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TRAGEDY occurred at the weekend in Isiuzo, Egbu, Owerri North Local Council of Imo State, when a Mitsubishi bus with Registration Number RLU 215 XA, killed a mother and child, injuring others.

An eyewitness told *The Guardian* that the incident took place when the woman was bringing her children back from school. According to him, the vehicle was on top speed when it rammed into the victims, killing mother and child instantly.

He said the driver was at large as at time of filing the report.

The source added that the woman's injured children were receiving treatment in yet-to-be disclosed hos-

pital.

He regretted that after hitting the victims, the vehicle dragged them to the tarred road.

He said this forced the residents of the area to lock the gate through which vehicles ply to and from Owerri and Umuahia.

A youth leader in the community, Chikwendu Ekwerike, said the executive of the youth association resolved in a meeting held after the incident to lock the entrance of the diversion of vehicles that should have plied the main road under reconstruction, giving ultimatum to the government to fix their road. "Look at what has happened today. This gate will remain locked to all vehicles until government repairs our road," he said.

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