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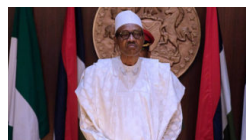
Mob chases driver into stream after lorry crushes okada rider

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There was pandemonium in Onitsha, Anambra State yesterday after a lorry crushed a commercial motorcyclist, popularly known as Okada rider, dragging his motorcycle for some distance before it could stop.

The accident occurred at the Magazine Junction, close to Federal Housing Estate, 3-3, Onitsha.

Sources said the Okada rider was plying the road when it ran into the speeding lorry.

According to eyewitnesses, as soon as the accident occurred, an enraged mob set the vehicle ablaze owing to what they termed reckless driving on the part of the lorry driver.

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The driver, who narrowly escaped being lynched, jumped out of the vehicle and escaped from the scene by running into a nearby stream.

Some policemen and officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) who arrived at the scene were chased away by the angry mob, who threatened to burn them alive unless they leave the scene.

It was, however, not clear why the security agents became a subject of attack as they did not contribute to the cause of the accident.

Meanwhile, the Agbaluku-Arigidi Akoko community was in pensive mood on Sunday evening following the sudden death of two persons reportedly caused by a reckless driver.

Eyewitness said the incident occurred at about 6:00p.m. and involved two vehicles and three motorcycles at Semusemu area of Agbaluku-Arigidi road.

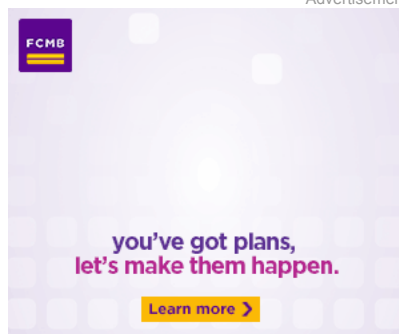
Sources said the driver of a Toyota Camry car drove in a reckless manner in front of a petrol station in the vicinity.

It led to the death of two persons on the spot, while two others are on danger list at an undisclosed private hospital in Ikare Akoko.

It was alleged that the driver of the vehicle that crushed the three motorcycles drove under the influence of alcohol. There was traffic gridlock as many motorists and cyclists waited helplessly before the FRSC officials, Ikare unit command came for rescue operation.

Confirming the incident, the Ikare-Akoko unit commander, Jimoh Basiru, attributed the carnage to recklessness on the part of the driver. He warned motorists and other road users to be cautious while on the wheels.

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