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Four killed, many injured as container falls on passersby in Lagos

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The accident scene

It was a black Sunday in Lagos yesterday as a truck laden with a container rammed into some passersby and a commercial motorcycle operator, otherwise known as Okada rider, killing four persons at the Agboju area of the state at about 6:00 p.m.

The truck reportedly had a brake failure and ram into the victims while the container the truck was carrying fell on passersby, injuring many others. Details of the accident were still sketchy as at the time of filing this report, but a senior police officer who spoke on the condition of anonymity as he was not supposed to speak to the press, said: "Yes, it is true. A truck conveying a container ran into some passersby at Agboju bus stop and killed four persons. Many people were injured too. I don't know how many were injured, but about six persons have been rushed to the hospital. We are trying to evacuate the bodies of four persons crushed by the container.

"We have been warning truck drivers that the roads are bad and that they should keep their vehicles in order. We have also warned them to latch their containers, but they won't do it. It is pathetic because more people who sustained varying degrees of injuries may later die due to the severity of the injuries."

The police officer said the divisional police officer of Satellite Division, CSP Chike Oti, and his team was busy keeping vigilance in the area to prevent hoodlums from taking advantage of the situation to cause the breakdown of law and order. He said: "The timely intervention of the police saved the situation as aggrieved youths in the area wanted to kill the truck driver and set trucks within the area on fire. The area is tensed as the youths have barricaded the road setting bonfires with used tyres. The driver has been arrested and he is in protective custody.

Meanwhile, a resident, John Udor, blamed bad roads and negligence of government agencies for the tragedy. "The government should expedite action on road repairs. The



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