



## Traders cheat death in Abeokuta as trailer crashes into shops

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ABOUT 10 petty traders at the Ijaye Junction area of Abeokuta escaped death narrowly as a trailer rolled backward and crashed into wares and shops beside the road.

An eyewitness account has it that the Iveco brand 20 tons trailer marked Ogun XA 857 ABG had earlier broken down at the ever busy Sokenu road by Ijaye Junction. He disclosed that efforts by the operators to repair the truck failed as they were left with no other alternative than to tow it away for repairs. However, as the broken down trailer was being towed, it detached from the other truck on a slope and consequently rolled backwards.

Eye witness said spirited efforts by bye-standers and operators of the truck to stop the trailer proved abortive as it rolled fast, scaled the road divider and later crashed into shops and wares displayed on the walkways. It was disclosed that the timely alarm raised by other traders and passers-by saved the traders and shop owners from being crushed to death.

"It was God that prevented the trailer from crashing into the traders and the experience of the driver who manoeuvred the truck until it crashes into the pepper and cosmetic shop," Tunji Adekola, an eyewitness said.

## Assailants kill one-year-old, rape mother in Ondo

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SUSPECTED hoodlums struck at Okoriwo community in Ilaje council area of Ondo State on Tuesday, kidnapping and later killing a one-year-old girl identified as Dada Akingboye.

According to the father of the deceased, Akin Akingboye who lives at Oritotehinse Street, Igbokoda, the hoodlums entered his home around 11p.m. and abducted the little girl to unknown destination while sleeping with the mother.

Akingboye, who reported the incident at Igbokoda Police Station, said the daughter's corpse was later recovered in a nearby bush without eyes.

He added that the corpse had been deposited at Ayemafuge Private Hospital in Igbokoda.

The state Public Relations Officer, Oyeniran Aremu who confirmed the incident said three suspects had been arrested and confessed to having committed the crime.

Meanwhile, the state Police Command has directed its officers to carry out thorough search at nooks and crannies of the state in order to ensure safety of the masses.

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