

# Tipper crushes three to death in Edo

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**THREE** persons were on Tuesday crushed to death in an accident involving a tipper truck and a motorcycle on the Auchi-Okpela Highway by Ayoghevia Community.

The accident, Daily Independent, gathered was as a result of alleged brake failure and recklessness on the part of the tipper driver.

An eyewitness told Daily Independent that the tipper with number plate Edo XA 503 AFZ heading to Okene, ran over the mo-

torcycle from the opposite direction, killing the bike rider, a woman and her child.

The eye witness narrated further that the brake of the tipper failed while descending the hill, and consequently lost control, causing it to run over the motorcycle, killing all occupants.

The tipper driver, Ismaila Audu, while explaining the cause of the accident, however blamed it on another lorry which he said he attempted to avoid.

According to him, his

truck fell into a pothole in an attempt to avoid colliding with the said lorry, resulting in brake failure and subsequent lost of control.

Angry mob however had opportunity to lynch the tipper driver before he was rescued and taking away by security agents.

An official of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), who pleaded anonymity, disclosed to newsmen, that the corpse of the victims had been deposited at the mortuary, while efforts were on to contact the families.