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Dangote driver dies in lone accident in Benin

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The Benin Zone RS5 of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), on Monday confirmed the death of a driver, an employee of Dangote Group of Companies at the Ovia River, near Benin in Edo State.

FRSC Zonal Commanding Officer (ZCO), Mr Charles Akpabio, whose zone comprises of Edo, Delta and Anambra States, made the confirmation while speaking with journalists in Benin.

Akpabio said the driver, whose name could not be ascertained, was the only one who died in the lone accident involving a Dangote truck with Yobe registration no YKS 137 XA.

The ZCO said that the AUMAN marked truck, loaded with cement, was coming from Lagos State and heading towards Benin, when the accident occurred at the Ovia river slope.

He said that the accident happened on Sunday afternoon when the driver, in the company of two male passengers, lost control and crashed into the river.

He said the FRSC officials on patrol evacuated `the driver's dead body trapped under the trailer while the two sustained minor injuries."

Akpabio said "the corps has repeatedly urged transport companies to ensure that their vehicles are in perfect working condition.

"We also on daily basis advice drivers to rest when they become fatigue and also avoid intoxicant while on the wheel," he said.

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