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Bottle-laden Truck Crashes, Buries Girl Alive

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It was a gory sight in Owerri, Imo State, weekend, when a truck belonging to the 7UP bottling company skidded off the Orji/Okigwe road, few metres before the entrance of the Imo State University (IMSU) and crashed, heaping its contents on a yet-to-be-identified girl.

The incident which was said to have occurred at about 8:30pm at the ever busy IMSU junction left two pedestrians dead and several others injured.

According to a witness, the truck, fully loaded with crates soft drinks was coming from Orji, when the driver lost control of it and it swerved for a few seconds, crushing other vehicles in the process, before it finally toppled over.

"I was there and saw when some of the drinks started falling from the truck as the driver battled to bring it under control. But it skidded off the dual carriage way and fell with a thunderous sound," the witness said.

Although it was yet to be confirmed if the victims were students, another witness revealed that some fun seekers who were relaxing at one of the drinking spots by the roadside sustained deep cuts from the broken bottles likewise some people who were eating in an eatery and the traders there.

The driver of the truck was said to have escaped unhurt but deserted the scene for possible fear of mob attack.

A combined team of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and police as well as officials of the state government were said to have conveyed the injured victims to an undisclosed hospital.

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