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Tragedy struck yesterday afternoon when a Mercedes Benz car travelling from the Lagos axis rammed into a stationary truck parked along the expressway, killing one person instantly in Benin, Edo State capital.

Angry youths were said to have set ablaze about seven trucks belonging to 7Up Bottling Plc.

Leadership learnt that the driver, simply identified as Iyare, was driving apparently from the Lagos axis of the road when he suddenly drove the car into the rear of the articulated truck parked on a grass verge.

The victim was said to have been rushed to the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Ugbowo, where he was confirmed dead.

Some residents in the area said that the driver may have been under a hot pursuit by Customs officials, as the C class station wagon had no name plates and looked quite new.

A resident said: "The vehicle looked like it was coming from Lagos and was being chased by Customs officials before it suddenly crashed into the truck, but the truck was not moving before the collision occurred."

The anger of the youths, according to a source, may not be unconnected with haphazard manner the company's truck is often parked on both sides of the road.

They were said to have headed for the company's premises to wreak havoc but fled the scene, following the intervention of the police.

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