

A Displaced woman with her son at Kukareta (self-established camp) in Yobe, yesterday. PHOTO BY NAN

# Tears As Tanker Driver Crushes 12-year-old Girl

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It was an harvest of tears at Boundary Market, in Ajegunle area of Lagos State after a tanker crushed a 12-year-old girl to death on Tuesday evening.

The young girl who was said to be selling fish at the market did not know that the vehicle was coming from her back. A police source at Ajegunle police station told LEADERSHIP that the driver said that the tanker failed brake and

all efforts he made to control it proved abortive. The vehicle smashed the head of the girl beyond redemption.

Policemen attached to Ajegunle police station and some men from sister security agencies were said to have apprehend the driver and his conductor who were later detained at the police station. The deceased was also moved to a general hospital mortuary, while police impounded the vehicle and detained in front of Ajegunle police station. A lucky woman

around the scene of the incident, who identified herself simply as Mulika said: "It was a narrow escape for me because the vehicle almost killed me. I have to run for my dear life as I saw the vehicle coming with full force. I suspected that the vehicle must have failed break. Many people in the market were shedding tears as a result of the goodness of the little girl. The vehicle would have killed several people if not for the shout by people. The vehicle was said to be heading to Apapa."