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Lorry crushes father, son, three others in Onitsha

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SUNDAY was bloody in the commercial city of Onitsha, Anambra State, where a trailer lost control and crushed five persons to death, including a man and his two year old son, to death.

The tragedy, which occurred at the Upper Iweka, according to eyewitness, sent many residents, who stormed the scene, weeping.

According to eyewitnesses, the man was driving in his car with his wife and two-year-old son, when the incident occurred. He was negotiating a bend when the lorry, marked, XB 404 RNG, hit them from behind.

The wife, who was unconscious after the incident, was said to have been knocked off while the husband and the son fell under the lorry which crushed them.

It was gathered that in trying to bring the vehicle under control, the lorry killed three other passers-by.

The man and his family members, according to sources, were on their way to church when the accident occurred.

Others involved in the accident were also reported to have died immediately, but the wife of the man, who was unconscious and two others, were rushed to an undisclosed hospital.

Man arrested for 'killing boy for ritual'

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POLICE in Niger State have arrested a middle age man, Haruna Musa and eight others for kidnapping and murdering a 12-year-old boy, Shamsudeen Musa, for a ritual purpose.

They were arrested by the police following the report by the teenager's father, Isah Kala, about what transpired between him and Haruna Mohammed.

According to the Police Public Relations Office (PPRO), Mr. Richard Oguche, who spoke to reporters in Minna yesterday, said the suspect had confessed that he killed the deceased for ritual purpose.

Oguche stated that the suspect had earlier gone to Kala, who happens to be the father of the deceased, requesting for the release of his son to him as a housemaid. But the father turned down the request.

He further said that the suspect later enticed the deceased with N100 which made the boy to accompany him without the knowledge of anybody, including his father, adding that Shamsudeen was killed without anyone knowing his whereabouts.