

Truck crushes mother of two in Ibadan

A MOTHER of two was crushed to death by a truck in Ibadan, Oyo State, yesterday when the driver lost control due to brake failure.

An elderly man was said to have been injured in the accident, which occurred at about 2.30pm.

The accident involved two trucks belonging to 7UP Bottling Company and Coca-Cola Bottling Company. The trucks were loaded with goods.

According to eyewitness-

From Oseheye Okwuofu, Ibadan

es, the Coca-Cola truck was parked on the left side of the road, when the 7UP truck crashed into it.

"We all thank God that the Coca-Cola truck was parked when the 7UP truck brake failed.

"Imagine what would have happened if the truck (Coca-Cola truck) was not here, it would have been a disaster," a trader said.

The driver of the 7UP truck was said to have been trapped due to the heavy impact of the crash.

It took the effort of traders of the Dugbe Alawo market to cut the door before he was rescued.

Reliving his ordeal, the driver, who identified himself as Kanayo, said: "I was shocked when I found out that the brake of the truck was not working.

"Within me, I felt that there will be a lot of casu-

alties so that is why I made up my mind to hit the parked Coca-Cola truck."

He was later rushed to the University College Hospital (UCH).

All the major roads leading to the Dugbe Alawo market were rendered impassable as the two trucks blocked the road.

Police officers from the Iyaganku Police station were still waiting for a towing vehicle to clear the way for road users.