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## Van crushes girl in Ondo

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### •Train kills man in Osun

A four-year-old girl, Precious Oluwatoba, has been knocked down by a vehicle belonging to the Ondo State Ministry of Health.

The incident occurred at Igoliki Street in Akure, the state capital.

The late Precious and her friends were playing in front of her house on Sunday evening when the incident occurred.

It was learnt that the driver of the Hilux van, simply identified as Abiodun, lost control of the vehicle and ran into the children.

Eyewitnesses said Precious died instantly. One of her friends was critically injured. She is on admission at an undisclosed hospital.

The Hilux van is marked OD 259-A08.

Eyewitnesses alleged that the driver was tipsy at the time of the incident. They claimed that he was driving away from a beer parlour on the street, where he had reportedly spent five hours, when the incident occurred.

The accident sparked violence in the area and residents vandalised the van.

But for the intervention of policemen from the B Division, Oke-Aro, Abiodun would have been lynched.

The late Precious' father, Mr. Oluwatoba Olaniyan, urged the government to probe the incident.

Olaniyan said: "I am begging the government to intervene in this matter. I wondered why a drunk was allowed to drive a government vehicle. Government needs to be careful when employing drivers.

"Justice must take its course. I have been a struggling parent. It was not easy for me to bring up my daughter. There is no land to bury her remains and no money to embalm it. That is why the body is still lying there."

Police spokesman Wole Ogodo confirmed the incident.

He said Abiodun is being detained at the 'B' Division Police Station.

Yesterday, a middle-aged man was crushed to death by a moving train at Agowande in Osogbo, the Osun State capital.

The victim is yet to be identified.

He was said to be on his way home at 4:30am after a night party, when the incident happened.

Eyewitnesses said the train was going towards the Railway Station in Osogbo.

They said the victim was drunk and was asleep on the rail track, when the train approached.

It was gathered that broken bottles were found around his body.

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