Protest in Ibadan over killing of 12-year-old boy

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Hundreds of youths at Omi-Adio in Ido Local Government Area of Oyo State yesterday protested the killing of a 12-year-old boy by a state's mass transit vehicle, *Ajumose* bus, on Saturday evening.

It was learnt that the driver of the bus was driving from Apata when he lost control and rammed into the ditch, crushing the little to death.

Angry youths, who rushed to revive the boy, found him dead and seized the driver and the bus.

The body of the boy was said to have been deposited at Adeoyo State Hospital in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

The windscreen and side glasses of the bus, with registration number OY 148860 Y, were smashed.

It was gathered that the driver, who escaped death by the whiskers, was rescued by policemen from Omi-Adio Police Station, a few metres from the scene of the accident.

Aggrieved youths carrying placards with various inscriptions stormed major streets and the busy Ibadan-Abeokuta Expressway.

They also carried clubs, sticks and iron rods as they rained abuses on the driver.

The protesters made bonfires on the expressway to prevent motorists from plying the road.

Several traders and shop owners were said to have abandoned their wares and hurriedly locked their shops for fear of attacks.

Eyewitnesses told our reporter that the boy was an apprentice in a rewire workshop near the scene of the accident.

The carcass of the state mass transit bus was parked in front of the police station at Omi-Adio yesterday.

Last week, a similar accident occurred involving *Ajumose* bus, where a teenage secondary school girl was crushed to death at Mokola area of Ibadan.