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# Smuggler's vehicle crushes *Okada* rider in Ibadan

## •Mother of three injured

**A** SMUGGLER'S vehicle on Sunday night crushed a commercial motorcycle (*Okada*) rider on Abeokuta-Ibadan Expressway and injured a mother of three.

The injured mother is at the Emergency Unit of the University College Hospital (UCH) in Ibadan, Oyo State capital.

The accident, which caused commotion on the single-lane expressway, occurred near Eleso town.

An eyewitness said the vehicle was from Abeokuta, while the commercial motorcycle was from Omi Adio.

It was learnt the victim, identified simply as Ogba, became a father to a boy two months ago.

On the scene were scores of residents, including relatives and friends of the deceased,

From Oseheye Okwuofu, Ibadan

commercial motorcycle riders and passers-by.

They mourned Ogba.

Also, the wreckage of the motorcycle and the vehicle were on the scene yesterday.

The ill-fated vehicle, an Opel saloon car, was loaded with 24 bags of 50 kilogrammes imported rice believed to have been smuggled.

The driver of the vehicle, who escaped unhurt, was reportedly detained at Omi-Adio Police Station.

Some sympathisers blamed the accident on over-loading and speeding.

The driver of the vehicle, registered as (Ogun) WDE 672

XA, was said to have lost control at a bend, causing the vehicle to somersault several times before crashing into the on-coming commercial motorcycle with the rider and passenger.

Aggrieved youths attempted to burn the vehicle but the elders prevented them.

But the youth destroyed some bags of rice before some policemen towed the vehicle, the motorcycle and remaining bags to the police station.

It was gathered the remains of the deceased commercial motorcycle operator, which was conveyed to the police station on Sunday night, was given to the family yesterday for burial.

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