

Truck kills 4 in Uyo

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AT least four persons were feared dead while others including a traffic police warden narrowly escaped when a lifter truck lost control and ran into them at a junction along Olu Obasanjo way, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

Eye witnesses told *New Nigerian* that the accident occurred at about 10 am last Thursday while the traffic on the road was still very heavy.

Three of the dead, the source said were Okada riders, while one was a civil servant who stood by the road side.

According to them, the driver of the truck with registration number XB 259 UYY approached the junction by Ukana Offot street on top speed and skipped off his side of the street and crushed the motorcyclists who were waiting to be passed by the traffic warden as well as the civil servant (a man) who was believed to be waiting to pick a motor-bike.

As at when the NNN visited the scene of the accident, a few minutes later, two of the trampled

motorcyclists were still under the truck and two were along the road. Parts of the affected truck were vandalized by aggrieved Okada riders who also attempted to set the truck ablaze but for the intervention of police.

A senior police officer who led a police team to the scene said bodies of the victims were taken to Amazing Grace Mortuary in Uyo, while others injured were rushed to unconfirmed hospitals for treatment.

The affected motor-cyclists were with the registration No. QH 311 ABK, OH 514 KEY, OF 974 AFG and QS 880 UYY.

It was also gathered that the traffic police warden and many other persons escaped the danger because of the shouts made by those who noticed the speed that the driver of the truck was coming with.

The affected truck was later towed to the police area command along Wellington Bassey Way, Uyo, while its driver and his conductor who had ran away after committing the crime were arrested by the police.