

Truck crushes 4 Okada riders to death

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It was confusion galore in Ikire Osun State on Friday evening when a truck said to be conveying tonnes of cement from Ewekoro in Ogun State to Ilesa in Osun State crushed four commercial motorcyclists to

death in the town.

Three of the four commercial motorcyclists that lost their lives in the accident were identified as Kehinde Alidu (26), Joshua Ayodéle (25), Tunde Lawon (31), while the identity of the fourth person was yet to be ascertained as at the time of

filing this report.

New Nigerian on Sunday gathered that trouble started for the commercial motorcyclists otherwise known as Okada riders when the truck said to be coming from Ibadan end of the Ile-Ife/Ibadan expressway at a neck breaking speed lost control

while trying to avoid a collision with a lorry coming from Obada area of Ikire towards the main-road and crushed the Okada riders to death at the Naira and Kobo area of the town.

It was learnt that the truck driver on sensing the dangers ahead with the lorry already making a U-turn at the Naira and Kobo junction swerved to the right only to run over the four commercial motorcycle operators standing by the road side killing the four persons immediately.

Confirming the accident, the Divisional Police Officer [DPO] in charge of Ikire, CSP Kolawole Adetoyese Adepegba, who immediately led his men to the scene of the accident said the driver of the truck marked XS 515 MUS moved away about 30 metres to the scene of the accident before it pulled up along the road.

According to an eye witness, the driver of the truck narrowly escaped being killed as he jumped into the nearby bush on sensing that the sympathizing mob around the area was ready for a showdown with him.

The dead bodies of the four commercial motorcyclists were later moved to the Catholic Hospital, Apomu by the police team.

Community hails Yuguda over appointment of

Yoruba man as CPS

the Bauchi Chief Press Secretary had demonstrated a philosophy of one Nigeria irrespective of tribe, religion, political and geographical differences worthy of emulation by others in the position of authority in Nigeria.

The council also prayed that God would give the governor the extra wisdom, strength and good health required to be able to steer the ship of Bauchi State to safety at the end of his second term tenure.

On the government's gesture to the families of the ten slain youth corps members during the post-election violence in the state, the council commended Yuguda for emulating the President to further assist the families of the bereaved.

The letter pledged the loyalty of the Yoruba Community and support to the governor at all times, saying, "We cannot forget this honour done to us as a tribe; we will stick to you to ensure that your administration succeeds."

Meanwhile, the state's Head of Civil Service, Mr. Abdon Dalla Gin, has warned civil servants in Bauchi that there was no room for laziness and idleness as the government was trying to flush out unproductive persons in the service.

Addressing senior and junior staff of the General Service Department, the head of service said it was part of the government's plan to drop bench-warmers in the service and that a re-training programme was being introduced for the civil servants.

"The civil service sector all over the country is now going through a drastic reform. Gone are the days when civil servants would sit idle in the office and be redundant," Abdon Dalla Gin said.

According to him, it was no longer like before when a worker would be promoted just like that. He said everything was now based on merit, stressing that civil servants had to undergo promotional training and examination before their elevation to their next grades.

The new head of service assured the civil servants that government was working round the clock to ensure the successful implementation of the new national minimum wage for the state.

Mr. Abdon Gin then called on civil servants in the state to cooperate with his office so as to bring rapid development to the state.