

Three die as truck rams into petrol station in A'Ibom

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THREE persons were killed and others seriously injured in an accident that occurred yesterday at about 6.45am around Urua Ekpa Junction in Itu Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

Among the dead were two women.

Eyewitnesses told *The Nation* that the accident occurred after a Mack Truck with a Rivers State registration number "BNY 137 XA" skidded off the road as the driver was trying to avoid hitting a Keke driver running against traffic.

The truck is said to have rammed into into SG filling Station, damaging three tricycles.

It was gathered that the truck also killed three persons instantly while three others sustained serious injuries and were taken to hospital.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) said two died while two others were injured in the crash.

"I was just standing directly opposite the SG filling station when the truck came from Itam Market probably on its way to Calabar. There was a Keke driver trying to cross the road so while trying to avoid the Keke, the truck ran into the filling station.

"The three people who were standing there and three Keke vehicles were damaged beyond repair," the source said.

The Sector Commander the FRSC in the state, Mr Sunday Oghenekaro, who confirmed the incident blamed it on the recklessness of the Keke rider and called for serious orientation for them.

He said, "From the information I have received from my field officer, two people including a man and a woman died and two were injured. The incident happened due to recklessness of the Keke rider who was trying to cross the road. The truck was trying to avoid him before it finally crashed.

"This is the issue we have been emphasising to them that there is need for them to be enlightened and licensed before getting to the road. But because of the love for money some of them jump unto the road and the result is what we are seeing today.

On whether the his office has organised any orientation for them, the Sector Commander said, "They have not been availing themselves of the opportunity".



• A tricycle destroyed in the crash

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