A-Day Principal of Basorun Ogunmola High School, Miss Kehinde Adeagbo, with some students of the school, on the school's premises, at Ring Road, Ibadan, on Thursday. Photo: Yemi Funso-Oke

Okada riders protest death of colleagues, shut Apete/ Ajibode road for hours

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WEHICULAR movements were delayed on Thursday morning as some members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) Sango zone and some members of *Okada* riders plying Apete/Ajibode road, temporarily shut the road to commuters while protesting the death of their colleague and two others who were killed by a hitand-run driver in the early hours of the day.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the victim, simply identified as Eniola with two other passengers-bricklayers, were alleged to have been hit by a Jeep along Apete/Ajibode road around few minutes before 8:00a.m.

Sources also informed that one of the victims could have been saved if he was attended to on time.

The three victims ac-

cording to sources, died instantly because their heads were smashed on the road.

It was gathered that Eniola

had "complained of being broke" to a colleague, which necessitated him carrying the passengers who were going to Apete from Sango.

NIS rescue 17 teenage victims of human trafficking, repatriates 500 in Jigawa

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THE Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) in Jigawa State, has rescued 17 teenage victims of human trafficking, with majority of them being Edo State indigenes, while they were being trafficked to Europe through the Nigeria-Niger border.

The state Controller, Malam Isa Idris Jere, who disclosed this while parading the victims before newsmen in Dutse,
the capital of Jigawa
State, said the 17 suspected victims of human
trafficking were arrested
while attempting to cross
the Nigeria-Niger border.

Malam Jere noted that most of the victims intercepted were from Edo State who, during interrogation, told the command that they had made an arrangement with their agent to meet them in Libiya, where they said he would convey them to Italy for greener pastures.

Jere said that the intercepted victims had no valid travelling document to enter Europe via Libya, apart from the ECOWAS passport in their possession.

The controller stated further that his command, in the last six months, had arrested and deported over 500 illegal immigrants.