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## Truck kills final-year poly student, others in Kogi

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A final year student of the Kogi State Polytechnic and others were killed on Wednesday by a truck belonging to Dangote Cement company in Obajana, Kogi State. The accident, which occurred at the NATACO main junction of the Abuja/Lokoja highway, saw the cement-laden truck running into two commercial taxis and a tricycle, popularly called Keke NAPEP.

The development, however, made students of the polytechnic go on rampage, vandalising the truck that caused the accident and two others belonging to the cement company.

Eyewitnesses said the fully-loaded truck was coming from the Obajana factory of the company and heading towards the town when it reportedly had a brake failure.

The driver, in an attempt to control the vehicle, left his lane and veered off to the opposing lane, and in the process, rammed into the commercial vehicles and the tricycle.

Eyewitness told the *Nigerian Tribune* that some people who were trying to escape from the truck were also hit by the truck.

Among those killed in the accident was a final year female student of the Department of Science Laboratory Technology of the Kogi State Polytechnic, who was on her way to write her last paper in the institution.

The death of the student angered her colleagues who decided to block the Lokoja/Abuja highway, chanting various songs.

The driver was said to have abandoned his vehicle and run to safety when

the mob surged towards him.

The Sector Commander

of the state Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Olusegun Martins, con-

firmed that three people died in the accident.

According to him, those

who died were the student of the polytechnic and two passersby.



The wreckage of the Toyota Sienna bus involved in auto crash on Sagamu-Benin highway, Ogbere axis of Ogun State.

## Driver smuggling frozen poultry products dies in auto crash in Ogun

BY OLUWATOYIN MALIK

A driver conveying frozen poultry products lost his life on Wednesday when he had a head-on collision with a truck between Reynolds Construction Company (RCC) site and Agbede Village at Ogbere, Ogun State axis on Sagamu-Benin highway.

*Nigerian Tribune* learnt that the man, who was driving a Toyota Sienna bus with registration number AGL 141 EL loaded with frozen products, was closely followed by another Toyota Sienna driver carrying the same products.

Both of them were reported to have driven against traffic, facing a Volvo truck with registration number FKJ 27 XT, which was on its right of way.

The impact of the collision resulted in the death of the leading Toyota Sienna driver, while the drivers of the second bus and the

truck escaped death.

Speaking on the road crash, the Head, Public/Media Relations and Strategy, Traffic Compli-

ance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Akinbiyi Babatunde, said that the dead driver's remains had been evacuated by the

TRACE officials, while the deceased's relatives had taken the corpse to the morgue at State Hospital, Ijebu Ode.

## Court remands 2 persons in prison over alleged rape of 21-yr-old girl in Osun

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A Magistrates' Court, sitting in Osogbo, Osun State, on Wednesday, remanded a 44-year-old man, Ademola Adeleye, and Muhammad Adam (22) in prison for allegedly raping a 21-year-old girl (name withheld).

The accused persons were arraigned on a six-count charge, bordering on having carnal knowledge of their victim, assault, theft and public disturbance.

*Nigerian Tribune* learnt that the victim had been receiving treatment in one of the spiritual homes, in Osogbo, the state capital.

The police prosecutor, Mr

Taiwo Adegoke, told the court that the accused persons, on July 30, around 8.00 p.m at Balogun Agoro Area, Osogbo, had carnal knowledge of their victim.

He added that the accused persons also allegedly stole a Samsung Galaxy phone, valued at N45,000, belonging to the victim at the scene of the alleged rape.

Adegoke further contended that the offences committed by the accused were contrary to and punishable under sections 358, 249 (d), 390 (a), 360, 516, 126 of the Criminal Code Cap 34 Volume II Laws of Osun State Nigeria 2003.

But Adeleye and Adam pleaded not guilty of the

charges preferred against them.

Counsel to the defendants, Mr Dauda Oyewale, applied for the bail on behalf of his clients in the most liberal terms, assuring that they would not abuse the bail privilege if granted.

Responding, Adegoke objected the bail application made by defence counsel, citing the critical condition of the victim as a major reason for his objection.

In her ruling, Magistrate Adenike Olowolagba ordered that the accused persons be remanded in Ilesa prison and adjourned the matter till November 1, 2017, just as she directed the defence counsel to file a formal bail application.