

① Man using phone while driving kills four pupils, injures 10 others in Anambra

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FOUR pupils of the Ugwube Primary School, Oba in Idemili South Local Government Area of Anambra State were on Monday killed while 10 others were injured after a driver allegedly lost control of his Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) while using his phone on the wheel.

The tragic incident occurred when the children, two of who were of the same parents, were heading home after school hours.

The man, said to be driving a Pathfinder SUV, was seen using his phone when he lost control and veered off his lane into the other lane before ramming into the kids, killing three instantly, while the fourth one died at the hospital.

When contacted, the police spokesman in the state, SP Haruna Mohammed said that the driver of the vehicle (names withheld) had been arrested by Oba Divisional Police Officer, Ifeanyi Aba-naofo.

He said that the injured were about 10, and had been taken to various hospitals for medical attention.

An eyewitness told the Nigerian Tribune that the children were just released from school for the day when the incident happened.

He said: "The school children came out in their large number having been dismissed at about 2:00 p.m., on that fateful day.

"As they were walking down one side of the Oba/Nnewi old road, a vehicle,

Infinity SUV, with registration number MYB 22 AAA that was on speed from Onitsha direction lost control and rammed into the pupils.

"The corpses of the deceased were deposited at Gateway Hospital morgue, Oba."

Also speaking on the incident, the President-General of Aboji Akanano Union Oba, Dozie Nweke, described the accident as "unfortunate and a great loss to Oba people and the families of the victims."