

Truck kills *okada* rider in Ondo, driver flees

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A truck on Thursday morning crushed a yet-to-be-identified commercial motorcycle operator to death in Akungba-Akoko in Akoko South West Local Government Area of Ondo State.

The incident occurred at about 10:00 a.m. when the truck ran over the motor-

cyclist, killing him on the spot.

It was gathered that the driver of the truck escaped from the scene immediately he discovered the commercial motorcyclist had died.

The incident infuriated residents of the community who set the truck ablaze.

A resident explained that the truck hit the deceased

on the head while descending the Okerigbo Hill on the Owo-Ikare expressway.

The source informed that the driver of the truck was nowhere to be found as he was said to have fled the scene after the incident.

The eyewitness said: "What infuriated the people was the disappearance of the driver of the truck. He fled immediately he

killed the *okada* man. That was why they set the vehicle on fire."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Funmilayo Odunlami, confirmed the incident.

She, however, said the details were still sketchy, adding that the motorcyclist had been confirmed killed in the accident.