

Truck driver crushes okada man to death in Oyo

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A truck driver, Kabiru Jimoh, has been arrested by the Oyo State police command after he was accused of crushing a tailor, Oluokun Sogo, who was riding a motorcycle, to death on Monday on Aba Nla-Ogunmakin road in Oluyole Local Government Area.

The incident reportedly occurred at about 10:15a.m. when Sogo was on his way to Ogunmakin from his Akodu community to pick up an item from his shop as part of preparation for his paternal grandmother's eighth day burial ceremony.

The 23-year-old was said to have left his Akodu community and had only moved about three poles from his residence when he had a head-on collision with the truck when the driver was about to make an inward turn to the area to upload sand.

The impact was said to be so much that the deceased's head got stuck in the truck's radiator.

Speaking with the *Nigerian Tribune* on

Tuesday, Sogo's father, Mr Dara Oluokun, said his family was already surrounded by friends and well wishers for the final burial ceremony of his mother when his son was killed by a truck driver.

Mr Oluokun, a chief hunter in the community, said that such fatal accidents, usually caused by truck drivers, had been frequent in the local government area.

In protest, an angry crowd reportedly descended on the truck, wielding bottles, cutlasses and sticks, and smashed its windscreen.

The Divisional Police Officer at Idi Ayunre Division and his officers had a tough time controlling the crowd which almost set the truck ablaze, but succeeded in taking the driver into custody, while the vehicle was also taken to the police station.

When contacted, the state command's spokesperson, SP Adewale Osifeso, said the matter was under investigation, adding that updates would be provided accordingly.