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Two pupils crushed to death in P'Harcourt By Chukwudi Akasike, Port Harcourt Friday, 11 Mar 2011 Share Post Comment Send to friend ☐ View All (2) Comment(s) Twitter TWO pupils of St. Thomas Primary School, Mile One, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, were on Wednesday crushed to death by a black Toyota Jeep. One other pupil from the same school, who was also hit by the vehicle, is currently in a critical state as a result of the serious injuries sustained during the accident. PUNCH METRO learnt that the driver of the vehicle veered off the road in an attempt to climb a pavement to avoid the traffic jam on Ikwerre Road. The vehicle with Registration No. Abuja BQ 969 RBC had a break failure before hitting the three children. It was gathered that the pupils (all females), were on their way to school when the incident, which took place around 7.45am occurred. Two of the children, who were rushed to a nearby hospital, were said to have died before getting to the hospital. However, the driver drove to the Mile One Police Station and reported the matter to the police. An eyewitness, who identified himself as Charles Dubem, said, "The jeep was just trying to climb a pavement maybe to avoid the hold-up or the spot that was being reconstructed. But it appeared the vehicle



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"The driver drove straight to the police station to report himself after realising what happened. If he had not

done that, he could have been lynched by the crowd that gathered at the scene."

Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Dr. Rita Inoma-Abbey, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent, explained that the third pupil was currently on a danger list.

She said that the driver to the jeep had been arrested, adding that investigation into the matter was still ongoing.

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