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A crisis was averted at [Eleyele Roundabout](#), Ibadan, Oyo State, on Sunday when an angry mob reportedly swooped on a trailer driver who allegedly crushed a fruit seller to death.

The fruit seller, Mallam Awal, 21, was said to have been crushed by a cement laden trailer moving towards Sango from Eleyele area of Ibadan.

According to eyewitnesses, the deceased had dashed to sell carrots to an occupant of a taxi cab when he was allegedly knocked down by a trailer with number plate LAGOS FST 283 XA.

The vehicle belonging to a highway maintenance company, Trustseal Limited, crushed the man's head leaving a part of his brain scattered on the road.

An eyewitness, who simply identified himself as Dele, said, "The accident happened around 11am on Sunday. Awal was hawking beside the road when a passenger in a taxi cab called on him to bring some carrots. He was in the middle of the road when the trailer hit him by the side and crushed his head. The poor young man died immediately."

The Police Public Relations Officer, Oyo State Command, Mr. Femi Okanlawon, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent, said the driver was in police custody and the vehicle had been impounded.

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