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There was confusion in Ikere Ekiti on Tuesday when a truck crushed an unidentified commercial motorcyclist to death.

It was gathered from an eyewitness on Wednesday that the incident happened when the rear part of the trailer hit the deceased on the head while trying to manoeuvre between two vehicles.

Residents of the NITEL Office area of Ikere Ekiti, where the accident happened, were thrown into mourning.

The eyewitness said, "A small bus was parked on the side of the road. The motorcyclist was hit by the truck while trying to manoeuvre the vehicles.

"Blood gushed out of his nostrils and mouth. We thought he had died. Shortly after, he started gasping for breath and was rushed to a nearby private hospital in the town.

"He died shortly after being referred to the Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital in Ado-Ekiti."

The Police Public Relations Officer, Ekiti State Command, Mr. Victor Babayemi, attributed the incident to recklessness.

The PPRO added that the driver of the truck and his assistant would have been mobbed by an irate mob, but for the prompt intervention of the police.

The truck driver, who reportedly sped off from the scene, was said to have been arrested by the police at Igbara-Odo.

The driver is currently being detained at the Police Area Command in Ado Ekiti.

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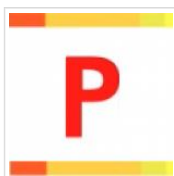
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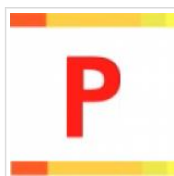
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