

Two die as truck crashes into car

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A late evening tragedy claimed two lives and injured three others when a heavy-duty truck rammed into a Mercedes Benz 190 salon car at the Kosofe end of Ikorodu road within the Lagos metropolis on Thursday around 11pm.

The truck, which was fully

loaded with iron rods and was heading towards Mile 12, veered off its lane and on to the other lane of the road after the driver had lost control.

A policeman at the scene told our correspondent that immediately after the incident; the driver of the truck took to his heels, abandoning the vehicle at the spot of the tragedy.

Eyewitnesses who spoke with *Saturday PUNCH* said

the three injured occupants including a little child, were rushed to an undisclosed hospital in a commercial bus after fruitless efforts to get an ambulance.

"Someone called for ambulance immediately the accident happened but none showed up. When policemen arrived, they stopped a commercial bus and rushed the injured ones to hospital. But the driver and another

woman seating in the front seat of the car died on the spot.

"The iron rods the truck was carrying pierced the driver's eyes and chest. The woman died when we were bringing her out of the car," a man who witnessed the accident told our correspondent.

The truck and car which was had become mangled were towed away by the police shortly before 12am.