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A 22-year old lady, Ruth Ubi, was on Sunday evening crushed to death after a vehicle knocked her down while she was assisting a little boy to cross the busy Atimbo road in the outskirt of Calabar, Cross River State.

Ubi, who was said to be on her way to a market at the Atimbo axis of Calabar, was aiding the five-year-old boy who found it difficult crossing the road when a Toyota Camry salon came out from an adjourning street to

An eyewitness, Beatrice Inyang, told PUNCH Metro on Monday that Ubi's brain was immediately smashed open by an oncoming trailer some micro seconds after the car had flung her body to the middle of the road.

She said, "I was trying to open the door of my car when I saw a taxi, (Toyota Camry) lifting the woman from where she was standing into a truck that was passing and the truck smashed the head and brain was all over the place.

"Immediately she fell, the trailer which was so close crushed her to death and the taxi driver who wanted to stop drove off on top speed. The boy she was holding however, escaped with injuries and has been taken to the General hospital "

It was gathered that the trailer driver immediately escaped from the scene after the accident to escape being lynched by angry youths.

A relation of the deceased, who did not want to be named, confirmed that the lady was actually going to the evening market when she met her untimely death.

She said, "I was the one that asked her to go and buy some food condiments for us to cook. She overstayed and I was hearing people talking in low tones. I just decided to walk to the market which is close to where I live.

"It was along the road, I started hearing whispers from passers-by about what happened along the main road. Behold it was my younger one, killed by two vehicles. I only met the cap and pieces of clothes that she was putting on."

Asked if she knew the boy who survived the accident, she said, no, adding "they only told me how she was to help a young boy to cross the road when she was knocked down, but the child survived."

PUNCH Metro later gathered that the driver, whose identity was still unknown, was being detained at the Airport Police Station while journalist was barred from snapping the trailer which had also been confiscated.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Hogan Bassey, confirmed the incident, saying investigation was ongoing. He also said the driver of the Toyota Camry was still at large.

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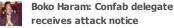
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