

Motorist kills woman, two kids in Anambra

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A lorry driver on Friday allegedly lost control of his vehicle, killing a woman and her two children.

The incident took place on the Otolo-Okigwe Road in Nnewi, Anambra State.

The deceased was said to be on a motorcycle with her four kids when they were knocked down by the driver.

A witness, who identified himself as Theo, said the truck driver was travelling at high speed when he suddenly lost control and rammed into the motorcycle.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, Haruna Mohammed, confirmed the incident, saying the woman and two of her kids lost their lives in the accident.

He said the other two children were rescued and responding to treatment in a nearby hospital, while the driver was still at large.

He said, "There was a fatal accident involving a lorry and motorcycle along Otolo/Okigwe Road in the Nnewi LGA of Anambra State.

"A Mercedes 911 tipper with number plate, AWK 575 ZW, while travelling at high speed lost control and knocked down a motorcycle rider, one Blessing Iteshi of Ikwo in Ebonyi State alongside her four children. The mother and two children died in the crash.

"Traffic personnel attached to the Otolo division visited the scene and rushed the victims to Akwudo Hospital for medical attention."

Mohammed said the corpses were deposited in the hospital's mortuary for post-mortem examination, adding that the case was being investigated.

"Efforts are being intensified to apprehend the fleeing truck driver in order to bring him to justice," he added.

In a related development, four persons sustained varying degrees of injury in a multiple accident involving a truck, a bus, two cars and four tricycles.

Eyewitnesses said the driver suddenly lost control and crushed four tricycles before ramming into other vehicles.

The PPRO, who confirmed the story, said the injured victims were rushed to the hospital for treatment.