

Driver who killed four, injured 10 Anambra schoolchildren nabbed

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The Anambra State Police Command has arrested a driver, who rammed into schoolchildren on Monday in Oba, Idemili South Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The driver, it was gathered, killed four of the children and injured 10 others.

The Oba Divisional Police Officer, Ifeanyi Abanafor, told newsmen on Wednesday that the driver had been arrested.

He said, “The injured are about 10 and they have been taken to various hospitals for medical attention.

“The driver of the ill-fated vehicle, Mr Chibuzor Elebo, has been arrested.”

A source attributed the crash to the recklessness of Elebo, who was said to be answering a telephone call while driving an Infinity SUV when the incident occurred.

“He lost control and veered off his lane into the other lane before ramming into the kids, killing three instantly, while the fourth died at the hospital,” the source stated.

Another source, who claimed to be an eyewitness, told our correspondent that the pupils had just closed from the school for the day when the incident happened.

He said, “The schoolchildren came out in large numbers, having been dismissed at about 2pm on the fateful day.

“As they were going on the Oba/Nnewi Old Road, an Infinity SUV with number plate MYB 22 AAA was coming from the Onitsha direction and had brake failure and rammed into the pupils, killing four on the spot, while about 10 of them sustained injuries.

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“The corpses of the deceased were deposited in the Gateway Hospital morgue, Oba.”

The President General, Aboji Akanano Union, Oba, Dozie Nweke, described the accident as “unfortunate and a great loss to the Oba people and the families of the pupils. The parents should take heart because what has happened has happened.”

It was gathered that two of the deceased pupils were siblings.

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