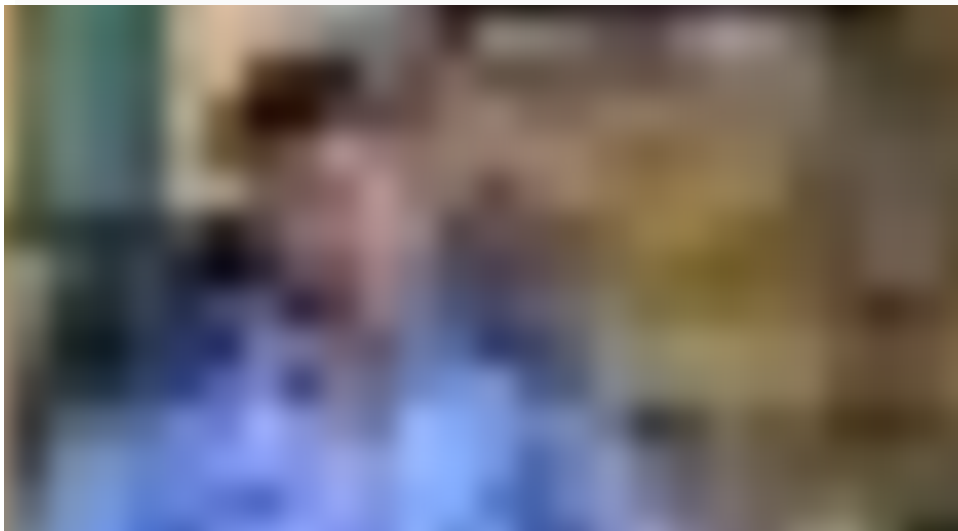


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## Bus crushes pupil to death in Ondo

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The Ondo State Police Command said it had arrested a commercial bus driver for allegedly killing a pupil, Sunday Promise, at Ikaram Akoko in the Akoko North-West Local Government Area of the state on Tuesday.

It was gathered that the driver of a Toyota Sienna with number plate Edo 835 BEN is an employee of the Ever Ready Transport Company

According to a source, the driver was on top speed when he lost control of the vehicle and crushed the six-year-old boy.

The deceased was a pupil of the Muslim Primary School, Ikaram Akoko.

The source said, “The driver was on top speed when he hit the boy, who died on the spot. After the accident, the driver ran away, but residents of the town pursued him to Agbaluku in Arigidi Akoko, a distance of about 15 kilometres from Ikaram Akoko, before he was apprehended.

“After the driver was apprehended, he was handed over to the police, while the vehicle was also impounded and is currently at the police station.”

The Commander of the Ikare Akoko Unit, Federal Road Safety Corps, Mr Yinka Akande, attributed the accident to excessive speed within the town.

He cautioned motorists to always slow down whenever they were passing through towns.

When contacted, the Divisional Police Officer, Oke Agbe Akoko Police Division, Mr Johnson Akintola, confirmed the accident, noting that the bus driver was in custody.

He added that investigation had commenced into the matter.