

Tanker crushes 18-year-old boy in Kogi

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An 18-year-old boy, Rufai Usman, has been crushed to death by petrol-laden tanker at the Felele area on the Lokoja/Okene Road.

The incident occurred on Thursday around 8am.

It was reliably gathered that the tanker driver lost control due to brake failure and the vehicle fell down at Felele junction and crushed the victim to death.

It was gathered that the victim, whose mother fries bean cake (Akara), was assisting the mother take the grounded beans and other materials to the junction ahead of her arrival when the truck rammed into him and killed him on the spot.

Rufai was said to have just secured admission to Kogi State Polytechnic for the Ordinary National Diploma programme and yet to resume due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was gathered that the victim's 41-year-old mother fainted when the news of her son's sudden death was broken to her.

A resident of the Felele community, Mr Moses Ajayi, lamented that regular accidents in the area were becoming unbearable and appealed to the government to find a lasting solution to the problem.

He stated, "It is unfortunate that Felele has become a centre of motor accidents where vibrant people lose their lives. This year alone, more than five major accidents have occurred here and many lives have been lost.

"In fact, if I have the means, I will relocate from this area, because the recurrent crashes in the area have become worrisome."

While confirming the accident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP William Aya, said it claimed the life of an 18-year-old boy.

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