Lagos female driver kills pregnant woman, two passengers

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There was panic on Saturday on Iju-Ishaga Road in the Agege area of Lagos State after a female motorist reportedly crushed three passengers, including a pregnant woman and a girl, to death.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the incident happened around 4pm when the woman's car hit a tricycle conveying the passengers inward Agege.

Our correspondent learnt that while the passengers lost their lives, the tricycle rider sustained injuries and was rushed to a hospital.

An elderly woman was also said to be among the three victims.

An eyewitness, Mayokun Oluwadara, said commuters shouted at the motorist to reduce her speed.

He said, "A woman was driving a private car at top speed. People were shouting at her to slow down. The area is usually clumsy with people and traffic. Unfortunately, that road was clear that day and the woman saw it as an opportunity to race through. She hit the tricycle from behind."

Oluwadara said good Samaritans rushed the pregnant woman and the young girl to the hospital, hoping that they could be saved.

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"People were very particular about the pregnant woman and the small girl because of the pregnancy and the girl's age. They were evacuated immediately. Some people said the pregnant woman and the girl might still be breathing. But they were dead because some of us saw that they were not moving at all," he added.

Our correspondent learnt that the driver did not wait, as she sped towards the Agege Underbridge.

Residents were said to have alerted park operators in the area to stop the car.

The woman was reportedly intercepted at the Agege Underbridge and handed over to the police.

The spokesperson for the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Nosa Okunbor, did not respond to inquiries as calls and a text message were not answered as of the time of filing this report.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the incident.

He, however, said the police had a record of one passenger, who died on the spot.