

Tears as truck kills nine Benue family members

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Tragedy struck in Okete, a quiet community in the Ohimini Local Government Area of Benue State, on Thursday, when a truck crashed into a residential building, killing nine members of a family.

Sources told our correspondent that the incident occurred around 5 am when the family was still asleep.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the truck suffered a brake failure, which caused the driver to lose control, leading to the collision with the house situated along the roadside.

An eyewitness, who failed to mention his name because he was not permitted to speak to the media, said, “The incident happened early this morning when most people were still in bed. The loud noise from the crash woke up the neighbours.”

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The Benue State Police Command confirmed the incident to our correspondent when contacted.

The command's spokesperson, Catherine Anene, said, "The truck rammed into a residential building, killing nine members of the family. The unfortunate incident occurred in the early hours of Thursday."

She added that the police had begun a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash and assured the public that further details would be provided in due course.