

Baby crushed to death as Edo safety team, driver clash

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A two-year-old girl on Wednesday evening was crushed to death by a commercial driver who had a clash with officers of the Edo State Public Safety Response Team while driving at the Ring Road, Benin.

An eyewitness, who craved anonymity, said the PSR agents

attempted to seize the steering wheel of the moving vehicle, causing the driver to lose control.

The bus then veered off the road and rammed into a roadside PoS kiosk where the young girl and her mother were standing, killing the child instantly.

The enraged crowd at the scene reportedly turned on the PSR operatives, beating them before taking them, along with

the child's lifeless body, to a nearby police station.

A human rights activist who witnessed the event, Kola Edokpayi, condemned the act and pleaded with the government to educate the personnel on how best to do their work, and not use outdated methods in the 21st-century environment.

He said, "What happened this

(Wednesday) evening will be difficult for a father or mother to take. We know how difficult it is for a woman to carry a baby for nine months and put it to bed.

"We don't gain anything from the government, no water, no road. We provide everything for ourselves, and that is why this woman came out to hustle, at least to have something to take home.

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