

Ogun residents protest after fatal crash kills four pupils

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The accident scene. Photo: Johnson Idowu

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Some angry residents of Sowu Village blocked the Abeokuta–Sagamu Expressway to protest the killing of four pupils of Iddo Primary School, Kobape, Ogun State, in a road crash that occurred on Wednesday.

This comes barely 48 hours after a motorcyclist and his passenger were crushed to death at the Siun junction of the same expressway.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the accident occurred at about 3 p.m. when a vehicle rammed into the schoolchildren while they were returning home.

Eyewitnesses noted that some angry youths attempted to lynch the driver of the vehicle, but he was rescued by security operatives.

Confirming the incident in a telephone conversation with our correspondent on Wednesday, the spokesperson for the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency, Babatunde Akinbiyi, said the accident occurred after a Toyota Corolla with number plate KSF 579 DM rammed into the pupils who were returning from school and killed four on the spot.

According to Akinbiyi, the pupils were taken to the General Hospital, Ijaiye, where they were confirmed dead.

He said, “According to eyewitnesses, four male children of Iddo Primary School, Iddo, Kobape, were walking home from school when a Toyota Corolla that was speeding lost control and rammed into the pupils on the walkway.

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“The impact of the collision reportedly led to the death of the four pupils at the spot of the accident.

“The pupils were taken to the General Hospital, Ijaiye, for certification by the emergency responders and later handed over to their families for burial.”

Akinbiyi noted further that some community members took to the expressway to protest the death of the pupils, but the situation was brought under control with the intervention of sister security agencies.

“Community members protested the death of the pupils, which affected traffic flow, but with the combined efforts of TRACE, the police, and the Nigerian Army, normalcy was restored,” he said.

PUNCH Metro had reported a similar accident on Wednesday in which two people lost their lives in a multi-vehicle collision that occurred at the Siun junction of the same expressway.

Akinbiyi had said that the accident occurred after a truck lost control and rammed into other vehicles.

He had identified the vehicles involved as a car with number plate KTU 152 JB, a Mazda bus with number plate LSR 345 YK, a motorcycle with number plate KNN 515 VD, and a truck with number plate T5582 LA.