

Truck crushes Ogun passenger to death

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•The accident scene. Photo: TRACE

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A yet-to-be-identified man was crushed to death by a moving Volvo truck after he fell from a motorcycle along the Rounder area of Abeokuta, Ogun State capital, on Monday.

PUNCH Metro learnt from a traffic update on Monday by the spokesperson for the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency, Babatunde Akinbiyi, that the accident occurred at about 9 a.m.

According to Akinbiyi, an eyewitness account indicated that the man, who was a passenger on a motorcycle, fell off the motorcycle while in motion.

He stated that a Volvo truck coming behind rammed into the man and crushed his head, leaving the victim dead on the spot.

He said, “A reported fatal accident occurred at the Royal Gate Filling Station along the Rounder/Mile 2 area, Abeokuta North Local Government Area of Ogun State.

“It involved a Volvo six-tyre truck with number plate BDG 747 YH. Three male adults were involved. One male adult is presumed dead.

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“According to an eyewitness account, the victim fell from a moving motorcycle, and the oncoming truck ran over the victim.”

He added that the body of the deceased was deposited at the State Hospital Morgue in the Ijaiye area of Abeokuta.

“The presumed dead has been deposited at the State Hospital Morgue, Ijaiye, while the accidented vehicle has been taken to Sabo Police Station,” Akinbiyi concluded.

PUNCH Metro reported a similar incident on July 26, when a woman was crushed to death at Ita Oluwo, a boundary community between Lagos and Ogun states, after a speeding truck with failed brakes rammed into another truck, trapping her between the two.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority had disclosed that the crash involved two iron-rod-laden Iveco trucks, with number plates QX 189 KSF and YA 701 AAA.

LASTMA said the collision was caused by brake failure and reckless speeding by the driver of one of the trucks, who lost control and slammed into a stationary vehicle.