## **Army Truck** Kills 3

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A military truck has crushed to death a pregnant woman, her husband and a commercial motorcycle operator also known as *okada* man, in Okuku, Yala Local Local Government Area of Cross River State.

The truck was carrying three soldiers from the nearby 130 Brigadier Ally Military Cantonment, and driving along Okpoma road in the same direction with the okada rider and his passengers when the incident happened Wednesday,

Sources told P.M.News that the truck hit the motorcycle from

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behind when it attempted to avoid a pot hole on the road. The woman was killed on the spot while her husband and the *okada* rider sustained severe injuries and were rushed to the Offorboche Hospital along Igoli Road where they later died.

When P.M.News correspondent visited the scene, an eye witness said: "The accident which occurred at about 3p.m. is among several others that occur here daily owing to the poor state of the road. Motorists who are impatient often ram into one another as visibility is often blurred by the dust raised by vehicles.

"When the military truck hit the okada, the soldiers made to stop but when they realised that the woman was dead, they

escaped."
At the 130 Brigadier Ally Military Cantonment, the commanding officer was said to be away when our correspondent visited. However, one of the soldiers who spoke on condition of anonymity said: "Even if he was aware of the incident, is he going to bring them back to life or did he cause the bad road?"

The body of the middle aged woman and those of her husband and the okada rider have been deposited at the Offorboche Specialist Hospital, Okuku. Their identities could not be ascertained at the time of filing this report.