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Truck crushes couple, 3 others in Ebonyi

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Tragedy struck yesterday at Ishiagu, Ebonyi State, when a man identified as Mr Victor Idam, his wife and three other persons, were crushed to death by a truck loaded with fuel. The accident occurred at Berger Junction, along Ishiagu-Afigbo Road. Two other unidentified persons also sustained injuries in the accident that occurred in the morning.

Mr Idam and his wife were said to be travelling in their Nissan Primera car with registration number UML 250 AA, when it collided with a yellow Mack trailer, with registration number APP 215 XP. Their mangled bodies, according to eye-witness account, were pulled out from the wreckage of the vehicle. Dismembered bodies of other victims still littered the area when our reporter visited the scene.

Sympathisers thronged the scene, weeping profusely for the couple and other victims. A witness alleged that the crash was caused by recklessness of the trailer driver, who lost control of the vehicle and rammed into the car, crushing its occupants.

He told Daily Sun that the crash occurred when the conductor of the trailer was trying to take over the steering from his driver, while the vehicle was still in motion. However, the allegation could not be confirmed, as neither the driver nor the conductor was available for comment.

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