

## Truck kills 1, injures 2 pupils in Calabar

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**A**nother tragedy struck at Atimbo in Calabar metropolis as a seven-year-old primary school pupil, Gideon Patrick, was crushed to death by a tipper lorry before ramming into a building where it knocked down two other primary school children.

The two other pupils seriously injured were four-year-old David Onoyom and Daniel Ekanem, who were said to be unconscious as at press time. They were all returning from school when the accident occurred.

According to eyewitness account, the truck with registration number XA780TA, owned by a company, lost control following a brake failure.

Consequently, the driver, who was descending the Atimbo hill in the outskirts of Calabar metropolis, swerved into the building opposite the Navy Barracks.

"The driver of the truck, on discovering that he had a brake failure had shouted, 'brake-failure, brake-failure,' as the vehicle went down the hill before crushing Gideon, who was returning from school, then knocked down the other two and ended up in the building, destroying part of it," said the source.

**Police arrest 201**