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From OKEY SAMPSON, Aba

Two persons were feared dead on Sunday in Aba, Abia State when a truck rammed into a newsstand. One of the victims was said to be a final year student of Abia State Polytechnic, Aba.

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It was gathered that the driver of the truck with registration number Lagos: FST 796 XC, had parked the vehicle to have some rest but his assistant (conductor) took advantage of his absence to drive the truck.

According to eyewitness account, the conductor, identified as Marizu was negotiating his way into Aba-Ikot Ekpene road, from Aba-Owerri road, when he lost control and hit the newsstand, knocking down the student, who was said to have later died.

Apart from the student who was said to be reading newspaper at the newsstand, the truck also collided with a tricycle with registration number Imo KGE 920 QA, which was coming from the opposite direction. An unconfirmed report had it that a commuter inside the tricycle also died on the spot while three others, including the tricycle operator, were severely wounded.

When Daily Sun visited the scene, newspapers were seen scattered on the ground with the badly damaged tricycle yet to be moved from the scene of accident.

The bodies of the accident victims were said to have been deposited in an undisclosed mortuary in the city while the injured were receiving medical treatment in the hospital. The driver of the truck was said to have been detained at the Eziama Police station.

But when contacted, the unit commander of Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Akachukwu

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