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### Tragic end: Trailer crushes pregnant woman, husband, friend

From PAUL ORUDE, Bauchi

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A pregnant woman in labour, her husband and a friend of the family have been crushed to death by a trailer along Bauchi-Jos Road. The woman, 27, was being taken to the Specialist Hospital, Bauchi from their home in Wunti Dada along Jos Road for delivery when the unfortunate incident happened.

The deceased, Ruth Edei and her unborn child, a boy died instantly while her husband, Joseph, a pastor and lecturer in the Mechanical Department of the Federal Polytechnic died later in the hospital.

The couple left behind a two-year-old daughter, Marvel.

The other occupant of the ill-fated car, Toyota Carina, Mrs Salman Ogbeba, wife of a renowned pastor, Emmanuel Ogbeba also died on the spot.



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The incident which happened in the early hours of Tuesday, has thrown residents of the Bauchi State capital into deep sorrow and anguish.

“In fact, mummy was called by the pastor to accompany them to the hospital when his wife entered labour. We did not know that it was the last time we will see her,” Jerry Ogbeba, son of Salman told Daily Sun.

His mother was a retired nurse who served the Bauchi State Government for 35 years before retirement.

“She was a God-fearing woman, gentle and kind Christian, mother and wife,” he said.

When Daily Sun reporter visited their house in Wunikti Dada, sympathisers including Pastor Charles Yohanna of the Faith Revival Ministries and other men of God were seen consoling Pastor Ogbeba, who also lost his second son three months ago.

The Sector Commandant of the Federal Road Safety Commission in the state, Albert Moor blamed the accident on the recklessness of the trailer driver who, he said, was now in police custody.

**Daily Sun** gathered that the accident happened because the trailer driver was overtaking dangerously and rammed into the Toyota carrying the victims.

“It happened around 5 am. It is very unfortunate. The case is still with the police and we are carrying out investigation,” he said.

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