

Truck Crushes Urchings In Ogun

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Two persons were killed yesterday when a Nissan Cabstar truck rammed over a group of street urchins popularly called “area boys” in Sango-Ota area of Ogun State.

The incident, which left seven others critically injured, occurred about 6:10am in front of the abandoned Gateway Hotel, Ota. Sunday Telegraph learnt that two trucks, with registration number Lagos EKY 653 XB and Lagos KJA 113 XR, had earlier broken down in the area. Sources said the brakes of one of the trucks failed while descending the slope of the old Sango Ota Toll Gate.

It later crashed into the other truck which had earlier broken down, causing serious obstruction on the highway. Another account had it that the driver of the Nissan Cabstar was desperate to evade some

policemen and also beat the commencement of the monthly environmental sanitation when he rammed into the area boys.

The Public Relations Officer, Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency (TRACE), Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the incident yesterday. Akinbiyi explained that the street urchins had attempted to dispossess the injured driver of the truck that first broke down. In the process, he said, the mishap occurred.

According to him, the Nissan Cabstar, which was over speeding in an attempt to enter Lagos before the commencement environmental sanitation, rammed into the area boys, killing two on the spot and injuring seven others. The TRACE spokesman, however, said the vehicle sped off away from the scene immediately after

the incident apparently to escape arrest by security operatives.

Akinbiyi stated that corpses of the deceased had been deposited at the General Hospital, Ifo while the seven injured were rushed to a private hospital in Ota for medical attention.