



Learner driver crashes into church, kills four children

A female learner reportedly lost control of her car, crashed into a Pentecostal church at 103, Omuma Road, Aba, Abia State and reportedly killed four children.

The woman, whose name is not known yet, was said to have been arrested and taken to nearby police station.

One of the children was said to have died on the spot, while three others were said to have lost their lives at the hospital where they were rushed to for treatment.

A resident of the area, who gave his name simply as Emmanuel, said the children were outside the church main building having their Sunday Service as usual when a woman driving Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) with "L" (Learner) sign attached to the vehicle ran into them.

Emmanuel said the situation, which attracted a lot of sympathisers to the scene, forced the church to end its Sunday Service abruptly.

He said: "Our road is bad, as you can see. It is not a place where someone will lose control of the vehicle. But I think the woman, who is still learning how to drive, may have wrongly handled the vehicle which made the car to ram into the children."

The witness said the woman was later apprehended by the people and handed her over to the police.

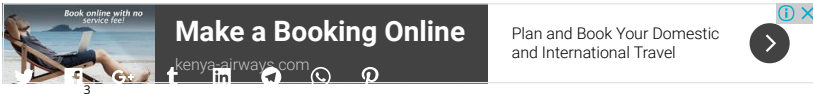
When contacted on the phone, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Geoffrey Ogbonna, confirmed that the woman was in police custody.

He, however, confirmed the death of only one of the children.

Ogbonna, who said that he was yet to be informed of the death of others, said investigation had commenced into the

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