

Truck crushes woman, injures 20 others

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A woman, who was receiving a telephone call by the roadside was crushed, another lost her legs and 20 others were injured, after a truck, which brake failed, rammed through Igando area of Lagos State at the weekend.

Eye witnesses said that the deceased, who was yet to be identified, was so focused on the call that she didn't hear people shouting and trying to alert of the truck bearing down on her from behind.

Also, another woman was said to have been hit by the truck and her legs shattered, while at least 20 people, selling by roadside were injured.

One of the people at the scene, Chief Michael Igbokwe, said: "The dead woman would have escaped, but she was not paying attention. She was focused on the call she was receiving. People



The truck

shouted and screamed as the truck careered towards her, but she didn't hear anyone."

He added that the truck, after crushing the woman, dragged her from one side of the road, to the next, as the driver battled to control it.

Igbokwe said: "The woman was later pulled out from under the truck, only after it hit an electric pole and stopped. Another wom-

an's legs were crushed by the truck and at least 20 people, including traders and passersby, were injured."

It was further gathered that immediately the truck hit the electric pole and stopped, the driver jumped out and fled.

The remains of the woman had been deposited at the Badagry General Hospital, while the truck has been parked at

the PPL Police Station.

The Vice Chairman, Iweju Market, along Iba-Igando Road, Mr. Adewunmi Adegboya, disclosed that the woman whose legs were crushed, had just returned from market and was just about moving her goods into her shop, when the truck rammed into her.

Adegboya complained about people selling and buying along the roadside, stressing that that was the cause of the high number of wounded victims. He urged the Lagos State Government to take drastic measures in checking roadside trading.

The secretary of the market, Comrade Olasunkumi Abayomi, appealed to the local government council, to come to the aid of the market by providing necessary amenities. He noted that such amenities would make the market safer for traders.

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