

Truck crushes pregnant woman, 2 years old son to death in Aba



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A pregnant woman and her son were crushed to death by a truck in Aba, Abia State while trying to cross a dual carriageway. The victims, who were identified as Mrs. Blessing Kenneth, 40 and her son, Success Kenneth, 2 met their untimely end when they were hit by a Mercedes Benz Truck with registration number: ABU 832XK, at about 6pm on Friday.

The ugly incident occurred at the ever busy Immaculate Junction, very close to the popular Umungasi Market, Umungasi Aba. Eyewitnesses' account, revealed that the pregnant woman who was held her son by the hand was trying to cross over the other side of the road to buy something when she suddenly slipped and found herself under the tyre of the approaching truck.

The truck practically crushed the woman's head beyond recognition as her son who fell behind, lost his life following similar impact on his head. One of the eyewitnesses, a tricycle operator, who simply identified himself as Kenechukwu, told Sunday Telegraph that what left him baffled was how such unfortunate tragic incident could occur. Kenechukwu, who said the whole incident was too fast for him to recall what led to it, noted that he saw the pregnant woman standing beside the road with her son only for him to turn around and see both lying dead. Another eyewitness, Ufomba John, described the incident as worst thing he has ever seen in his entire life. "The whole thing took a part of my life. I've never been shocked as I was today. I've never seen human die like this.

“She actually slipped. I don’t know what pushed her, but everyone is saying that something must have caused her to slip and fell under the approaching truck. “The tragedy was triple as I learnt she was also pregnant. To be frank I don’t know how I can recover from this shock,” he said.

Sunday Telegraph learnt that a team of Police officers from the Abayi Police Division, who had stormed the scene of the accident immediately moved the bodies away to a mortuary. It was also learnt that the driver of the truck was taken into police custody at the Aba Area Command after the incident. Meanwhile, Abia State Police Command has confirmed that both the driver of the truck and his vehicle are in police custody. The State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Geoffrey Ogbonna who confirmed the tragic incident said the bodies were deposited in the mortuary while efforts are in progress to trace the relatives.

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