

Osun: Protest as granite-laden truck crashes into commercial motorcyclists, kill one

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A commercial motorcyclist, Mukaila Okedowo, was yesterday crushed to death by a granite laden truck after losing control of the wheel in Ikirun, the headquarters of Ifelodun Local Government Area of Osun State and crashing into multiple cyclists in their park.

New Telegraph learnt that the incident occurred around 1:35pm when a granite-laden truck coming from Obaagun and heading to Osogbo lost control around Oja-Oba market, in front of the Akinrun palace.

An eyewitness, Wahab Taofeeq, said the truck crashed into the motorcyclists who parked in front of the Akinrun palace, saying one out of the okada riders

died on the spot while many others sustained various degree of injuries.

Taofeeq who blamed the incident on dangerous driving said, similar incident has happened twice within this year when granite laden truck crushed motorcyclist in the same circumstances.

According to him, "About two months ago, a granite-laden truck lost control of the wheel and crushed my brother-in-law to death. As I am talking to you my sister, who happened to be the wife of the deceased is still mourning her late husband.

"I think the authority concerned should help us find solution to this incessant Killing of innocent people under the guise of brake failure. The drivers of these granite trucks don't always put the lives of other road users into consideration,

and they need to be cautioned," he said.

Giving report of the incident, the Public Relations Officer of Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC), Osun State command, Kehinde Adeleke, said the remains of the dead have been evacuated and deposited at the mortuary.

Adeleke said: "Today 3rd of April, 2023 around 1335hrs, a truck loaded with granite had a brake failure at Oja-oba in Ikirun claiming one life, Mukaila Okedowo, an Okada rider.

"Also many people sustained various degrees of injuries while many cars were affected.

"Operatives of NSCDC, NPF and FRSC were deployed to evacuate the remains of the dead to the mortuary, victims to the nearby hospital for prompt treatment also to maintain law and order."