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Reports said that up to 100 people were killed when a runaway truck ploughed into a busy market place in Nigeria.

Authorities said that 55 people died; however a British Broadcasting Corporation reporter at the scene counted at least 100 casualties.

According to Kogi state police, the lorry scooted



down a hill, ran into cars and motorcycles then ploughed into the market, injuring up to 40 people.

A senior police officer said he could confirm that at least 55 people were killed. He added that the driver lost control of the truck and ran into a group of people moving in a procession.

Yomi Asaniyan, Kogi state commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission reported that brake failure was the cause of the accident.

Several vehicles caught fire and burned people beyond recognition.

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