

It was learnt that the kidnappers

cuse to execute their plans.

Tipper crushes okadaman to death

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ASABA—TRAGEDY struck yesterday morning in Asaba, Delta State capital as a fast moving tipper crushed a commercial motorcyclist to death.

This comes as most Okada riders and their passengers in the state have shunned the use of crash helmet.

The accident took place adjacent the Nigeria Telecommunication (NITEL) along Dennis Osadebay Way, Asaba at about 9.30a.m.

It was so ghastly that the tipper climbed the Okada man, killing him instantly, while the helmet he was putting on was also smashed.

The cause of accident could

not be ascertained, but an eye witness said the tipper driver did not stop. When this reporter visited the scene, many motorcyclists gathered, while the corpse was seen lying on the ground, with blood gushing out from all parts of the body.

Meanwhile, investigation has shown that many motorcycle operators are no longer putting on their helmets, despite the fact that the state government procured and distributed over 4000 helmets free of charge.

Over 60 commercial motorcycle operators were arrested on the January 1 this year and fined N2,000 each in Asaba by men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) for violating the new regulation on compulsory use of crash helmets, which came into force that day.