

many others.

The accident happened at about 10 a.m.

Eye witnesses blamed the accident involving the unmarked truck on the recklessness of the driver. According to them, the driver descended the flyover from AYA, rammed into cars at the junction awaiting the traffic signals and began arguing and fighting with others.

It took a combined team of FRSC, Police, VIO, soldiers and good-spirited Nigerians to control the tragedy as they all went to work rescuing victims of the accident and even those trapped under the carnage, before rushing them to hospital.

A woman trapped under the truck for over one hour was lucky to be rescued alive as people at the scene offloaded the cement to allow VIO truck lifter raise the truck thus paving the way for the car to be pulled from beneath the truck.

As the car was being pulled out, the woman was heard wailing and pleading to be saved. While many victims were seen in their pool of blood, with some lying almost lifeless.

Two die in Lagos

In Lagos, two persons lost their lives in different auto crashes involving an unidentified middle-aged man, who fell off a fast moving vehicle at Breweries Bus Stop, and one Blessing Okon, who was run over by a truck at Berger Bus Stop, along Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

An eyewitness, Mike Oludayo, told *Vanguard* that the unidentified man, who was a passenger in a commercial Mercedes Benz truck popularly known as Molue with number plate No. AA651 SLK, met his end when the vehicle which was being driven at a high speed, lost control and threw out the unidentified passenger who was hanging at the door, and he died on the spot.

Also, Mr. Okon was run over by a truck marked XX 230KJA and was being driven

by one Onyekachi Dominic, who is currently being detained at Isheri Police Station for manslaughter, as he reportedly smashed his victim from behind while she was waiting to catch a bus at Berger Bus stop.

The Lagos State Police Command spokesman, Mr Frank Mba, confirmed the report and warned drivers and road users to be more careful.

Woman loses four children in P-Harcourt

The harvest of deaths started in Port Harcourt, last Sunday when a woman faced a midday horror. Her four children were drowned when the boat they were travelling in capsized along the Opobo/Kono waterways. The woman swam to safety without being able to save any of the children.

Vanguard learnt that the death of the children brings to five the number of kids the same woman would be losing through drowning. The drowned kids were said to be travelling from Epellema Community in Opobo/Nkoro Council to Port Harcourt on holiday.

Two other men who boarded the boat at Opobo as it sailed from Epellema also got lost in the sea, bringing to six the number of persons who lost their lives, last Sunday, in that single tragedy, which sent Opobo Town into deep mourning.

It was also learnt that the boat had almost arrived its destination at Kono waterside but that the boat suddenly plunged into the river while negotiating the harrowing Kono creeks overlooking the berthing point.

The bodies of the children and the men have since been recovered just as the leadership of the local government harped on the need for use of life-jackets by seafarers and repeated its earlier instructions that boats should not ply the waterways when visibility is poor.

