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Pregnant woman, 4 others killed in road crash

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Tragedy struck, Saturday, in Ijoko, Ifo Local Government in Ogun State when an articulated truck crushed a yet-to-be-identified pregnant woman and four others to death. The multiple accident also left three critically injured.

The accident which occurred at about 1:00p.m. at Odo-Alamo Road, Ijoko axis of the state, involved a truck with registration number XZ 640-EPE, two okada with registration numbers DGB 740 QB and MEK 957 QC and a Honda car marked SMK 765-AV.

Commuters plying the road watched in horror as the bodies of the five deceased were crushed beyond recognition. Aside the truck driver whom Vanguard gathered fled after the accident, two others including a teenager were in a critical condition and taken to an unknown hospital.

Relatives of the deceased were seen wailing uncontrollable after confirming that those that died were their loved ones.

The residents attributed the cause of the crash to the bad portion of the road which has turned to a nightmare to commuters and other road users.

Speaking to Vanguard, Mr. John Ayo, the only conscious survivor of the accident said: "The truck was conveying cement to a construction site. Due to the slope, coupled with the terrible state of the road, the truck driver lost control, thereby causing injuries or death to eight persons."

Mrs. Adebimpe Akintunde, another eyewitness said: "When I saw the way the truck driver drove past my shop, I knew something would happen.

"Immediately, I rushed out to see the truck. On getting to this spot, it actually lost control and crushed the okada and the vehicle ahead of him," Akintunde said.

Policemen who arrived the scene later took the corpses to the mortuary while the cause of the accident and the search

for the truck driver was said to have started.

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