

Trailer crushes three in Lagos

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LAGOS — BARELY 24 hours after a lactating mother was crushed by a truck in Lekki area of Lagos State, another truck, yesterday, ran over three persons along Mile-Two Badagry expressway, killing them on the spot.

There were, however, different accounts of how life was snuffed out of the victims, two men and a woman.

A version of the account had it that the deceased with unknown identities, were commercial motorcyclists who were ridding against traffic, when the incident occurred around Volks bus stop.

Another account said the driver of the truck, who was on high speed, ran over some traders selling by the road kerb.

The truck driver reportedly sped off after the accident.

When Vanguard visited the scene, the corpses were seen covered with leaves. Some persons who sustained injuries were reportedly rushed to the hospital.

An eyewitness, who identified himself simply as Nwosu, said: "The reckless manner in which trailer drivers ply this route is alarming. Several persons have been killed along this route, no thanks to these drivers who drive with reckless abandon.

"The most annoying aspect of it is that when they knock down someone, they won't stop to assist the person to the hospital. Rather, they will continue driving as though nothing had happened."

Another commuter, Mr Williams Biodun, blamed government at all levels, saying: "The potholes on this road are so bad, yet government at all levels are doing nothing about it. Had efforts been put in place to repair the road, these lives would have been spared."