



Vehicle rams into six children, kills one, injures others

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LAGOS – Tragedy struck at Ejigbo, Lagos State, on Tuesday afternoon after an SUV rammed into a store, killing an 8-year-old child.

Five other children, including three siblings of the deceased, were injured after the crash which occurred around 3pm.

The incident which happened at Olutimeleyin Street, Ejigbo, also destroyed goods displayed for sale inside the store.

An eyewitness who spoke on condition of anonymity, told Vanguard that the female driver of the SUV was on a very high speed when she lost control of the car and swerved into the store.

Passers-by and others who witnessed the incident, reportedly rushed to the scene only to find five of the children bleeding profusely on the floor, while one of them was already dead.

Sympathizers were said to have held the female driver hostage after which they called an ambulance.

The driver was nearly lynched but for the quick intervention of policemen from Ejigbo Division who were alerted by an elderly man in the crowd.

Vanguard gathered that the policemen quickly rushed the wounded children to a nearby hospital for treatment, while the battered body of the dead girl was covered with a wrapper.

The distraught mother of the children who rushed to the scene, was also seen wailing uncontrollably while firmly gripping the driver of the car that killed and wounded her children.

The owner of Saint Jacobs Hospital where the victims were rushed for treatment, Dr. Adeyemi, told Vanguard that he only came out of his office to see a large crowd gathered in the hospital with five girls who were injured as a result of the accident.

He explained that the girls were seriously injured by the car, adding that if they had not been rushed to the hospital immediately, two others would have lost their lives too.

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