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Dangote truck crushes family of 6 in Akwa Ibom

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By Tom Moses

IKOT-EKPENE/OBOT AKARA—A family of six returning from a visit to their son's school was Sunday crushed to death by a truck with Dangote Cement inscription in Akwa Ibom State, but the management of Dangote has allegedly denied knowledge of the said vehicle belonging to its fleet.

The family of six, led by the husband, Sylvanus Essien, his pregnant wife, three children and a house-help, were said to have travelled to St. Columbanus Secondary School, Ikwen in Obot Akara Local Government Area from Ikot Ekpene to visit their son when the incident occurred at Ikot

Ntuen, the last village between Ikot Ekpene and Obot Akara.

Eye witnesses attributed the accident to the recklessness of the Dangote Cement truck driver, Isa Bello, who incidentally escaped after the incident had occurred. “The driver of the truck ran away immediately the accident occurred, but we saw his Driver’s Identity Card-DC/15/8697 inside the truck with number plate -TFA 136XA.

“From the truck’s manifest, the vehicle was conveying cement from Obajana depot to Uyo when it veered off its lane to hit the Toyota Camry with Number Plate -GGE 723DX in which the late Mr. Hilary and his family were travelling. But the youths in Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State are threatening to ban any articulated truck with the inscription of Dangote Cement to pass through their community again because of what they called “ritualistic wastage of the lives of their people.”

The youth leader of the community, Ikemesit Moses, who issued the threat, said: “Imagine five days after an entire family was wiped out, nothing has been heard from Dangote or any of his representatives.”