

Truck crushes 4-yr-old boy in Bayelsa

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YENAGOA—Azikoro town, a suburb of Yenagoa metropolis, was, yesterday, thrown into mourning as a four-year-old boy, who went on an errand, was crushed to death by truck while trying to cross the road.

The young and old people, especially women, were seen wailing at the sight of the mangled body of boy, while some fainted.

The quick intervention of the police prevented angry youths of the community from lynching the truck driver, who was later whisked away to the Azikoro Town Police Station, located along the road, where he is currently being detained.

Vanguard gathered that the boy was reluctant at first to go on the errand, but was rebuked before he ran into the tipper and met his untimely death.

An eyewitness, a tricycle, *Keke Napep*, driver, who identified himself simply as Mr. Imoh, told *Vanguard* that the driver of the truck was not on speed when the accident occurred as he was driving in the opposite direction.

Imoh said: "I was coming in the opposite direction on the right and the tipper was by the left. I had to stop to make way for the tipper because of a small bad spot along the road.

"Then suddenly, I saw a little boy suddenly dashed into the front of the moving tipper.

"I and my passengers were the first to raise the alarm, but it was of no use because the driver was oblivious of what happened until he was flagged down.

"The sight was pathetic and we wept."