

## Truck kills 18-yr-old girl in Aba

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ABA—Tragedy [struck](#) at the Factory Road [railway](#) crossing in Aba, Abia State, yesterday, as an [articulated](#) truck crushed an 18-year-old girl to death while it was trying to [escape](#) from touts.

Eyewitnesses told Vanguard that the touts were trying to impound the truck conveying empty bottles when it rammed into the girl, who had just alighted from a commercial bus.

The articulated truck, with [number plates](#) Lagos, EKY 724 XC, was coming from the Aba -Owerri Road end as the touts, who are usually stationed at the railway crossing, jumped into his vehicle, struggling for control.

It was gathered that as soon as the truck crushed the girl, the touts fled the area, while sympathisers took her to the hospital where she reportedly died.

Vanguard also learned that one of the touts, who was later arrested by the mob, was almost lynched but for the timely intervention of a police patrol team. The accident caused heavy traffic gridlock in the area as one lane of the road was blocked.

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