

Hit-and-run driver kills 6-yr-old pupil in Ondo

By Dayo Johnson

AKURE—A six-year-old primary one school pupil, Sunday Promise, has been killed by a hit-and-run driver in Akoko North West council area of Ondo State, sparking off protest in the town.

However, the hit-and-run driver was later apprehended at Agbaluku, in Arigidi Akoko a distance of about 15 kilometres from the scene of the accident.

Vanguard gathered that the Abuja-Lagos bound commercial bus, belonging to a transport company with number plates Edo 835 BEN, knocked down the pupil of Muslim Primary School Ikaram-Akoko.

Reports had it that the primary school pupils died instantly, while the driver of the bus sped off.

Residents of the town reportedly pursued the driver and apprehended him at Agbaluku, in Arigidi Akoko and subsequently handed him over to the Police, while the vehicle has been impounded and now in police station.

The Divisional Police Officer for Okeagbe Akoko, Johnson Akintola, confirmed the incident adding that the driver of the vehicle is in their custody while investigation into the incident had commenced.

The FRSC official in charge of the Ikare unit, Yinka Akande, attributed the accident to over speeding by the driver of the Sienna bus within the town.

Akande cautioned motorists to always slow down whenever they are passing through towns and villages.

The chairman of the school Parents Teachers Association, Alhaj Basiru Aminu, attributed the accident to reckless driving on the part of the driver within

the town.

He appealed to government to as a matter of urgency install speed breakers on the roads within the schools premises to halt unnecessary and untimely death of school pupils occasioned by reckless driving by motorists plying the roads.

Man beats wife to death in Ogun

By James Ogunnaike

ABEOKUTA—A 28-year-old Aman, Kazeem Yusuf, who beat his 26-year-old wife to death last month, has been arrested by police operatives in Ogun State.

Spokesman of the state Police Command, Abimbola Oyeyemi, disclosed that the suspect was apprehended on Monday by the policemen at Enugada Divisional Police Headquarters.

Oyeyemi said on September 23, when the incident happened, the suspect ran to the station to report that his wife collapsed on her way to fetch water and gave up the ghost.

He added that upon his report, the Divisional Police Officer in-charge of Enugada Division, Baba Hamzat, detailed his detectives to the scene, while on close observation of the corpse, the detectives noticed marks of violence on it.

This aroused their suspicion that the victim might not have died a natural death.

Oyeyemi said while the detectives were searching for

more evidence, the suspect sneaked out and took to his heels.

He added that the corpse was subsequently taken to the morgue of General Hospital, Ijaiye, while a manhunt was launched for the fleeing "killer-husband."

The spokesman said the manhunt yielded positive result on Monday when his hideout at Itori was discovered and he was promptly arrested.

He added that the suspect has since made a confessional statement that he beat up his wife over a minor disagreement and that the deceased collapsed in the process and eventually gave up the ghost.

The suspect, according to Oyeyemi, further stated that it was not the first time of beating the woman, but he did not know that the beating will results to her untimely death.

He said the mother of one has been buried, adding that the state Commissioner of Police, Bashir Makama, has ordered the suspect transferred to Homicide Section of State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department.