

# Mob sets truck ablaze for killing student

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A truck belonging to a cement company was set ablaze yesterday by some angry students for crushing a male student to death in Ilaro, Yewa South area of Ogun State. The deceased was a student of Baptist High School, Ilaro.

The incident occurred at Sabo Junction, inbound Owode Road at about 3.12pm.

According to eye witnesses' account, the tragedy reportedly occurred when the truck laden with cement lost control due to over speeding.

It was gathered that the truck which has been burnt beyond recognition, was going from Ibese inbound Owode-Idiroko when the unfortunate incident occurred.

Vanguard learnt that the

truck driver lost control due to brake failure and over speeding and ran into the students who were returning home from school. The impact of the incident as gathered, led to the death of one of the students on the spot.

This was said to have sparked violence in the area as the students mobilised and angrily descended on the truck and set it on fire. It could not be ascertained if the truck driver and motor boy escaped the scene before the truck was set ablaze.

Road users in the area were said to have ran helter skelter until the arrival of law enforcement agents who brought the situation under control.

Free flow of traffic was also disrupted as the mob insisted that fire fighters should not put off the fire and even went ahead to

vandalise a fire fighting truck in order to prevent fire fighting operations.

The Public Relations Officer, Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Babatunde Akinbiyi confirmed the incident saying rescue operation was carried out by TRACE and other sister agencies.

While commiserating

with the affected victims, he said, "truck drivers are again charged to eschew over speeding in view of its attendant consequences."

He said the body of the deceased has been deposited at the morgue of the General Hospital, Ilaro while the Ilaro Police Station has taken over the case for further investigations.



*A truck belonging to a popular cement company in Nigeria (name withheld) set ablaze by some angry students for allegedly crushing a male student to death in Ilaro, Ogun State yesterday.*