

# Mother, her 2 children, police officer die in Ibadan auto crash

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**I**BADAN—A middle-aged woman alongside her two children and a police officer were, weekend, knocked down by a commercial driver in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

The children, according to *Vanguard* investigations, were between the age bracket of two and five years while the police officer was in his late 40s.

It was further gathered that the late woman was trekking with her children by the roadside when the driver rammed into them as a result of brake failure on the Ojo-Iwo road expressway.

An eyewitness said: "The woman stripped a small girl of two years on her back while holding the other baby of about five years. All of them backed the commercial vehicle driving towards them. What surprised me was that someone alighted from the vehicle and a police officer entered. It was not up to a minute that the vehicle rammed into them.

"The two children died instantly while the mother and the police officer were rushed to the emergency section of the University College Hospital, UCH, Ibadan. They attended to them immediately but they eventually gave up the ghost. The particular and other personal belongings showed that the woman's husband works directly with the Commissioner at the Oyo State Ministry of Justice."

Contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Adewale Osifeso, said: "Investigations are ongoing. Updates would be provided accordingly, please."