

Truck crushes 9 students to death in Rivers

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PORT HARCOURT— A truck conveying chippings to a construction site has reportedly crushed over nine students to death in Rivers State.

The ugly incident happened on Friday afternoon at Rumukwachi-Ogbogoro community in Obio/Akpor

Local Government Area of the state.

The students were returning from Community Secondary School, Ogbogoro after closing hour, when a tricycle (popularly known as *Keke*) they were in reportedly ram into the truck.

It was gathered that the nine students, who were friends, had packed themselves into the same tricycle on their way home when the incident happened.

A source, Ogechi Micah, said three of the students died on the spot, and that six of them were rushed to the hospital alongside the tricycle driver.

Ogechi alleged that the remaining six

students and the driver died at the hospital on Saturday, adding that two of the teenagers involved in the accident were a set of twins and that one of them died instantly.

Ogechi said: "A tipper carrying chippings killed students. The tipper crushed a *Keke*. The *Keke* had nine students. Three of them died there. We are hearing that the remaining victims and the driver have also died."

Meanwhile, at press time, the Public Relations Officer of the state police command, Grace Ininge-Koko, was yet to react to the development.