

# Okada rider killed, passengers hospitalised as truck rams into mini-bus in Delta

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**UGHELLI**—A commercial motorcycle rider, (*Okada*) was confirmed dead, while three others were hospitalised as driver escaped lynching by angry mob, after a truck rammed into a mini bus driving against traffic in Oleh, Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta State.

The incident, which was confirmed by the Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Bright Edafe led to tension in the town.

*Vanguard* gathered that trouble started when police on duty stopped a mini bus driving against traffic, while a moving truck rammed into the vehicle, which in turn crushed the *Okada*, passenger and others.

The source said the *Okada* rider died instantly leading to the angry mob setting ablaze the mini bus as he escaped police arrest.

Four others, who were injured were rushed to Oleh Central Hospital and Maranatha Clinic, respectively.

Confirming the incident, Mr. Edafe said: "Contrary to the trending news, it was the Sienna SUV driving against traffic that was burnt and not police van.

"The Sienna was driving against traffic and police stopped him to ask why he was driving against traffic. As he stopped, and oncoming Tipper lost control and rammed into the Sienna SUV, which collided with the *Okada* and passengers."

Other sources confirmed that one person died, while three injured were rushed to hospital, but that the truck driver was arrested by police as the Sienna SUV driver escaped and angry mob set the vehicle on fire.