

Bus rams into pedestrians, kills 2-year-old girl in Benin

BENIN CITY— A TRAGEDY struck, Wednesday evening, in Benin City, Edo State, when a two-year-old girl was killed after a Nissan Vannette mini-bus reportedly rammed into pedestrians at the Ring Road area of the city.

The mother of the deceased child was also said to have sustained

severe injuries and is currently injuries and receiving treatment in the hospital.

Confirming the incident, CSP Moses Yamu, Public Relations Officer of the Police Command in Edo, said it occurred at about 5:30 p.m.

According to him, the incident was reportedly caused by the driver's attempt to evade arrest by members of the Edo State Public Safety Response Team.

"Following the accident, an angry mob descended on a member of the Public Safety Response Team, accusing him of being responsible for the tragedy.

"However, police operatives from the Esigie Divisional Headquarters swiftly intervened, rescuing the officer and taking him into custody for investigation," he said.

Yamu noted that the police command had since launched a full-scale investigation into the incident, with efforts ongoing to apprehend the driver, who fled the scene.

"Law enforcement officers have also gathered pictorial evidence and other records to determine the exact cause of the crash," he said.

The police spokesperson quoted the Commissioner of Police in the state, Betty Otimenyin, urging motorists to obey traffic rules and cooperate with law enforcement authorities to prevent similar occurrences.

He said Otimenyin emphasized the need for patience on the road, stressing that every road user had a duty to protect lives by adhering to safety protocols.

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recently employed hit-and-run attack tactics being used by the bandits.

Idris, who was visibly disturbed by the recent devastating effects of the bandits' activities in the villages at the border, disclosed his next line of action when he granted an audience to the residents of Gesse II Housing, Birnin Kebbi, at his residence on Wednesday night.

Having returned from the affected villages shortly before the meeting,

he announced that "I have just called the Chief of Defence Staff, General Christopher Musa, and humbly requested the immediate establishment of a Military Operational Base at the border.

According to him, "the bandits have been attacking innocent villagers in Arewa Local Government, killing dozens of people, destroying houses, and carting away valuable properties before rushing back to the neighbouring Sokoto State and Niger Republic."