

# Truck rams into 15 vehicles, kills one in Abuja

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**TRAGEDY** truck in Abuja on Wednesday when a truck conveying bags of cement had a brake failure and rammed into 15 other vehicles at Power House Junction in Asokoro District.

The accident left one person dead and several others injured, as policemen and Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIOs) made frantic efforts to clear the road to ease traffic congestion on the Abuja-Keffi Road.

Narrating the incident, one of the victims, Wan Ayuba, told Daily Independent that driver of the said truck lost control, as his conductor was screaming and waving at other road users to stay clear of the road.

Ayuba, a staff of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), noted that his own vehicle was smashed by the truck as well as several others.

Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Asokoro Police Station, Ahmed Musa, confirmed one person dead

and that four others who were in critical condition have been rushed to Asokoro General Hospital.

He said driver of the ill-fated truck has been arrested and kept in police custody, adding that investigation would be thoroughly carried out.

Some people who spoke to Daily Independent at the scene of the accident appealed to the Federal Government to restrict movement of trucks and tankers on the road, particularly at peak hours to reduce incessant carnage in-

volving them.

It would be recalled that a similar accident occurred about a week ago on the same road, when a truck had a brake failure and crushed three other vehicles, leaving in its wake seven people dead and several others injured.

Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Central Business Area, Frank Agbakoba, expressed regrets on the frequent road traffic accidents, adding that the matter would be investigated and necessary action taken to mitigate it.

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