

3 killed in Lagos auto crash

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A 15-year old boy, Master Ajagbe Lukman, was among three people who met

their untimely death yesterday, in an auto crash, involving a Volkswagen passenger bus on the Third Mainland Bridge, Lagos.

Nine other passengers in the bus also sustained severe injuries while the driver and conductor escaped.

Lukman, a student of Mary-Gold College, Oworonshoki was said to have boarded the bus at

Oyingbo enroute Gbagada, before the accident.

Daily Champion gathered that the driver of the bus, with registration number XP 492 LND lost control at the slope of the bridge, towards Oworonshoki hitting the rail.

An eye witness said, save

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for divine providence, the bus, painted in Lagos State commercial colour, would have plunged into the river.

According to this eye witness, the 14-seater passenger bus was on its way to Gbagada when the driver who, he said was overspeeding lost control and hit the bridge rail.

"The bus was speeding and there was a big lorry in its front, so as he tried to control the bus, the motor somersaulted and wanted to plunge into the lagoon before the rail held the motor," he said.

Confirming the incident, Police spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, said one of the victims fell into the lagoon but was recovered by Marine Police who offered assistance.

Ojajuni, a Deputy

Superintendent of Police, (DSP) said the deceased bodies have been deposited at the Gbagada General Hospital Mortuary for autopsy.

According to him, "the motor somersaulted and hit the rail, in fact, the rail prevented it from plunging into the lagoon, we have taken the bus to Oworonshoki Police Station while investigation continues."

The police spokesman said cause of the accident could not be ascertained, noting that, professionals from the Vehicle Inspecting Officer (VIO), Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and other relevant authorities would confirm the cause of the accident."

He, however, warned drivers to be careful so as to save their lives and those of their passengers.