

3 feared dead in auto crash

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NO fewer than three people were feared dead yesterday in a motor accident involving two trucks at the Ikeja bus stop along Lagos - Abeokuta Expressway in Lagos.

An eye witness account told *Saturday Champion* that a truck with registration number XF683

Eky bearing empties of used products was coming from the Oshodi direction when it lost control.

In his bid to control the vehicle, our source continued, the driver whose name was giving as Gbemi on sighting on-coming truck headed for it with a view of stopping his own truck resulting in casualties. While Gbemi reportedly lost his

hand limbs, the two passengers with him lost their lives as well as the driver of the on-coming truck with registration number XJ 1450 FS carrying Cocoa beans apparently coming from Abeokuta.

A member of the team of Lagos State Transport Management Agency, LASTMA, which promptly arrived the scene to ease the heavy traffic jam that trailed the accident

as soon as the mishap occurred, also spoke to our reporter on condition of anonymity. Confirming the incident, the LASTMA source disclosed that seven persons were involved in the accident. According to him, all seven were critically injured and had been rushed to the hospital for medical attention.

However, he did not confirm whether, or not anyone died in the

accident. The police also claimed that no life was lost.

Confirming the incident, Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Olabode Ojajuni, told *Saturday Champion* that he is aware of the incident but claimed that there was no loss of life, even as he said one of the victims was lying critically ill in the hospital.