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Nigerien killed in Yabatech bus crash

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47-year-old Nigerien was yesterday crushed to death while several students of the Yaba College of Technology (YABATECH), Lagos State sustained various degrees of injury when the school bus in which they were travelling with had a fatal accident on Osborne road, Ikoyi.

The bus with a registration number YASU 03 was conveying students of the institution to an undisclosed event when it ran into the Nigerien, Amahdu Gazaru of Corporate Avenue, Ikoyi, who was attempting to cross the busy road.

Daily Champion reliably gathered that the cause of the accident was blamed on the inability of the driver to manipulate the luxury bus given to YABATECH students by former Governor Bola Tinubu, while leaving office in May, 2007 properly; before it ran into the culvert killing Gazaru while many of the passengers were seriously injured.

According to an eyewitness, the driver was commercial bus driver hired by the students to take them to their destination, "We heard from the students that they went to engage the driver when they couldn't get their own driver," the Public Relations Officer in the Lagos State Ministry of Transportation, Mr. Segun Ogundeji confirmed to our reporter.

He disclosed that it was when the driver could not manipulate the bus properly that he ran into the crossing pedestrian, adding that men of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) who immediately swung into action to remove the debris were attacked by angry mob, who destroyed the bus.

Ogundeji told *Daily Champion* that some of the hoodlums were arrested while the bus had been towed and deposited at the LASTMA office, Victoria Island, while advising motorists to always drive with care.

Also confirming the accident, the State Police Public Relations Officer [PPRO], Mr. Bode Ojajuni told our reporter that the accident happened at 1:30 pm. "There was a fatal accident today [yesterday] along Osborne road; and we discovered that LASTMA had removed the debris before we got there."