

3 killed in Lagos auto crash

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THREE persons were feared dead yesterday in Lagos in an auto accident that occurred at Ilasamaja bus stop along Apapa/Oshodi Expressway.

The accident that occurred at about 3.45pm involved a tanker driver, his assistant and a commuter who was about to cross the ever-busy expressway.

Eyewitness account said the driver of the diesel tanker, marked AL847LND who suffered severe injuries lost control, perhaps due to brake failure and apparently to avoid ramming into the numerous waiting commuters at the bus stop climbed the service lane median to stop the vehicle.

But as the vehicle was swamping, both the driver and his assistant in their attempt to escape, jumped down from the same vehicle only to be crushed by the same vehicle. Their vehicle later hit the third innocent victim who was going on his own.

At the time *Daily Champion* went to the scene, one of the victims had been rushed to the hospital and the other two were taken into a vehicle to convey them to the hospital.

However, people who gathered at the scene told *Daily Champion* that since the pedestrian bridge at the bus stop collapsed some months ago, the spot has become a death trap for people crossing from one side of the expressway to the other.