

# 1 feared dead, 5 injured in Lagos auto crash

A woman was on Wednesday in Lagos feared dead while five others suffered injuries in an auto crash involving four vehicles.

The affected vehicles were a red truck which reportedly rammed into the three other vehicles.

The incident which happened at the Cele Bus Stop on the Oshodi-Apapa

Expressway caused a heavy traffic jam affecting early morning users of that road.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* (NAN) reports that there were shattered windscreens, drips of blood as well as flung personal belongings around the scene of the accident.

A witness, Chinonso Chukwuneta, who told NAN that the accident happened

about 6.45 a.m., said that the driver of the sand-carrying truck, lost control.

"The driver who has gone into hiding for fear of being lynched, was shouting and warning other road users to clear off the road," the witness said.

He said that the truck rammed into other commercial vehicles whose drivers were calling for passengers.

Another witness, Gbenle Olatunji, a traffic warden, told NAN that the truck's brakes could have failed.

Mr. Adeboye Adebayo, an official of the Lagos State Traffic Management Agency (LASTMA), said the driver of the vehicle was apparently looking for a safe landing when he discovered the brake failure.

He said that most of the injured passengers had been taken to an undisclosed hospital for treatment.

## 4 over murder in Ado-Ekiti

supporters of PDP and AC.

The four men were also charged with burning one Honda Accord car, belonging to Alade Ademola.

The charge sheet, numbered MAD/83c/2009, said that the suspects conspired to "commit felony, murder, arson, rioting, assault and unlawful assembly".

It said that the offences were punishable under Section 516 of the Criminal Code, Cap 30, Vol. II, Laws of

Ondo State, as applicable to Ekiti State.

Addressing the court, the defence counsel, Mr. Adetunji Osho, urged the court to grant the accused persons bail.

However, the Magistrate, Mr. A.O Owolesho, rejected the bail application and ordered that the accused persons should be remanded in prison custody.

He later adjourned the case to March 26 for hearing.