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**Countryman****2 die in Oshodi auto crash**

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Two people were yesterday killed in a motor accident in Oshodi, Lagos State. Several others also were injured.

One of the dead victims was a young lady hawking pawpaw by the road side while the other, a man, was a commercial motorcyclist, popularly known as *okada* rider.

The identities of the duo could not be ascertained immediately as the mass transit bus marked Kano XA352S ML, which ran into them and crushed them beyond easy recognition.

An eyewitness, Mr. Joseph Ekpo, a student of Yaba College of Technology, Lagos, said the driver of the bus, who was coming from Mile 2 and on high speed lost control of the steering while trying to negotiate the Oshodi under bridge from the Expressway.

Joseph said he was inside another bus from Obalende and that it was shortly after the driver of the mass transit overtook them while ascending the Oshodi Bridge that the accident took place.

"Many people inside our bus even complained at the bad manner the driver of the vehicle overtook us without knowing that something terrible was about to happen."

"An irony of it all was that nobody in the vehicle died except that some of them got injured", he said.

An officer from the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Barak Abdullahi, an assistant route commandant, told *Daily Champion* at the scene at about 2.00pm which was only about seven minutes after the accident that his men came to the scene after receiving a distress call from a sympathiser.

He said the immediate cause of the accident was yet unknown but that the driver of the bus may have lost control and probably due to overspeeding.

On his part, Mr. Deran Olutayo, the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) officer-in charge of traffic on Oshodi Bridge said they were controlling the traffic at the end of the bridge when they heard a loud bang nearby.

"We quickly ran to the spot and what we saw was this vehicle (pointing to the bus). We quickly rescued people that were trapped inside the bus and rushed them to hospital for medical attention. And it was when we lifted the other side of the vehicle that we discovered these two dead persons".

Their bodies were taken into a commercial bus marked XJ705LSD to be deposited at the public morgue in Isolo General Hospital when *Daily Champion* left the scene.



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