

# Couple, son, driver die in auto accident

## *Toddler survives*

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A speech writer of Ayodele Adewale, Chairman of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government in Lagos State, Francis Ayodele, his 30-year-old wife Anthonia and a three-year-old son last Friday died in a ghastly motor accident at Ogbera junction near Ijebu-Ode in Ogun State.

However, the family's six-month-old son survived the tragic accident.

A witness said that the accident occurred when a Lagos-bound Young Shall Grow double-decker commercial luxury bus made alleged dangerous overtaking of another bus at a bend but lost control and forced itself back into the lane, only to collide with another on-coming vehicle.

Consequently, the bus somersaulted three times before hitting the late Ayodele's car with registration number: LAGOS : BV 277 EKY returning from Utagrauno, Delta State.

A source at the Divisional police Headquarters in Ogbera, Ijebu-East local government area of Ogun state (name withheld) confirmed the report, saying that a crane belonging to the Julius Berger company lifted the luxurious bus away from the car, "so that the surviving child could be rescued even though the parents and his elder brother died on the spot in the mishap."

The source said that though the commercial bus driver (name withheld) also died on the spot, no other occupant died.

Comrade Adewale recalled that his former speech writer was prominent member of the Lagos State University (LASU) students' union.

He said that the deceased families were buried on Tuesday at their hometown in Esa-Oke, Osun State, saying, "It is unfortunate that the couple that shared the same birth date died same day."

## ... 2 on Lagos Third Mainland Bridge

TWO persons, including a woman, on Wednesday morning died in a ghastly motor accident involving a commercial bus and a truck on the Third Mainland Bridge in Lagos.

Eyewitnesses told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lagos that six other persons sustained injuries when a bus, marked XN 118 APP, ran into a stationary truck with registration number XR 906 EKY.

Mrs Christiana Adegbesan, a Highway Manager on the bridge, said: "There was a light traffic jam on the bridge which forced the truck to halt.

"The bus driver who was on top speed suddenly encountered the traffic jam and applied his brakes, but it was too late.

"He rammed into the truck. The presence of the truck at that position saved a lot of motorcyclists because the bus would have hit all of them.

Confirming the incident, Mr Enfolami Ololade, LASTMA Unit Leader on the Third Mainland Bridge, told NAN that they got the information at about 8.15 a.m.

Ololade said the accident may have occurred at about 8 a.m, adding that by the time the LASTMA team arrived the scene, some victims had been taken to the hospital.

When NAN arrived at the scene, the two dead bodies were being moved to an ambulance marked DU 148 EKY.

NAN also reports that some soldiers, policemen, air force personnel and civilians were seen helping to evacuate the victims from the wreckage.

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