

13 feared dead in auto crash in Lagos

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NO fewer than 13 of the 18 passengers traveling from Iyana-Ipaja, Lagos state to Abeokuta died in a ghastly motor accident last Friday.

Eyewitnesses told *Daily Champion* that a mobile Policeman whose skull was smashed, the bus conductor and five toddlers were among the unfortunate corpses, while five people including the driver were seriously injured.

The accident that occurred at Ajegunle area of Itori in Ewekoro local government area of Ogun state involved a commercial yellow bus with registration number: XM 739 EPE.

According to eyewitnesses account, the bus was on the trail of a private car allegedly driven by a woman-learner with an 'L' inscription tagged on the boot when the accident happened.

On-the-spot account revealed that the learner in the front made a dangerous U-turn at Ajegunle, the situation that left the commercial bus driver with no choice than to swerve, the decision that was according to an artisan, Nojimu Banire too fatal.

The commercial bus ran into a stationary 12-tyre cement truck, thus leaving 13 people confirmed dead on the spot while the wounded people were taken to a mortuary at Ifo.

Another eyewitness recounted to our reporter that the learner that caused the carnage abandoned her vehicle and took to her heel on seeing the consequence of her action.

Policemen from Ewekoro Divisional Police station were seen removing the carnage that caused heavy traffic on the highway.

The leader of the Police team to the scene of the accident (names withheld) told our reporter that the state commissioner of Police was at the scene and observed the accident, saying, "My brother, what is there left to say? The commissioner has been here because he was going back to Abeokuta when he ran into this scene; he has observed all that happened."