

Accidents claim 10 in Lagos

Fourteen people died in two fatal accidents on a Lagos bridge yesterday.

A bus conveying 18 people crashed into a culvert, flipping over several times and throwing 10 people into the lagoon. Later, a speeding car hit the bridge's railing and plunged into the water.

The bus, traveling on the Ibrahim Babangida (Third Mainland) bridge from Idumota end of Lagos Island crossed the bridge at high speed, according to witnesses.

Near the Adekunle end of the bridge, one of the front tyres allegedly burst. The bus tumbled over and over, flinging people out of the windows into the water.

One of the eye witnesses Mrs Iyabo Alade, said: "I was in the vehicle that was behind

**From Olumide Bajulaiye &
Samson Ojo, Lagos**

the ill-fated bus. The accident was a result of the excessive speed of the driver. The bus driver lost control when one of the front tyre burst while on top speed. He stepped on the brake and it somersaulted twice before it hit the culvert."

One of the victims, a secondary school student, Kehinde Toba, including four others were reported to have jumped out of the bus when it lost control in an attempt to save their lives, but unfortunately fell into the lagoon and died.

A nursing mother was reported to be among those who died while her baby survived. The scene of the accident was littered with broken windscreen, shoes,

Cont. on Pg. 2

Accidents

slippers, hand sets and other items.

When our correspondent got to the scene of the accident, there were seven corpses laid on the tarred road with their belongings and valuables. Officials of the state accident emergency

Cont. from pg. 1

agency LASAMBUS, had to remove the corpses from the road to the state mortuary at the General Hospital, Ikeja.

An hour later, the second accident occurred. A speeding car scaled the bridge's railing and plunged into the river.

About four persons were inside the car as at the time of the accident which occurred at the Adekunle intersection of the IBB Bridge.

As at the time of filing this report, rescue divers were still searching the area even as there are fears that all the occupants of the ill-fated car might have drowned.

As a result of the two accidents, a serious traffic jam was created on the IBB bridge, while officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), were busy controlling traffic on the bridge.

Cont. from pg. 1

because of further investigations.

Daily Trust gathered that the associate and members of his family stormed the Ikoyi office of the EFCC.

Some of Dr Adenuga's investments in the country include Globalcom, Equatorial Trust Bank (ETB), Con oil producing, World Span and southern Airlines.

Efforts to get official response of the EFCC was unsuccessful as both the chairman of the commission Nuhu Ribadu and his media aides could not be reached as at press time.