

CITY NEWS

Pregnant woman dies in fatal accident in Abuja

An unidentified pregnant woman yesterday morning at the Bullet junction, Abuja, lost her life in a fatal motor accident that left 17 other persons with various degrees of injuries. The accident which occurred at 10.30am involved an 18-seater white Toyota Hiace bus with registration number AG 802 ABJ, which hit the wall of the bridge and fell into

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a deep trench.

When a *City News* reporter visited the scene of the accident, the pregnant woman's corpse was lying at the back of an open van that belonged to the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), while the other injured passengers had been taken to the Asokoro General Hospital. A nursing mother, who

refused to comment or allow her photograph to be snapped, said her husband would lose his heart if he heard or saw her picture in the newspaper without first hearing from her. Her baby did not sustain injuries but she had bruises on her face.

An eye witness, Kazzim Lemsoye (a security man with the Nigeria Export Import Bank) said he was on a

bike when the bus fell into the ditch and he had to jump down to participate in the rescue operations. "The first thing I did was to get water to pour on the survivors before collecting the numbers of their relatives for contacts."

Lemsoye explained that somebody in the bus narrated that something snapped inside the bus and the driver

lost control and hit the wall of the bridge before falling into a ditch.

City News reporter also learnt that a thief was caught by commercial motorcyclists as he was searching people's belongings in the bus. One of the motorcyclists, Abdullahi, said the man was caught with a cell phone that belonged to one of the victims of the accident. "Immediately

we caught him with the phone, we stripped him naked and asked him to sit on the ground, but lucky for him, he ran into a bush," he narrated.

The passengers' belongings were taken away by officials of the FRSC, who said they were taking the corpse to the mortuary at Asokoro Hospital and would ensure that the injured victims got their belongings back.

