

# Three die in "Molue" accident

A Mercedes bus popularly called 'molue' yesterday claimed the lives of a pregnant woman and three others when it crashed at the Ebute-Metta end of the Third Mainland Bridge, Lagos. It narrowly missed plunging into the lagoon.

Eyewitness accounts revealed that the bus which was fully loaded with commuters, mostly civil servants and traders, hit the railings which formed the median on the Third Mainland Bridge and hung on the side rail barrier.

Some commuters in the bus were however thrown into the lagoon when the incident occurred at about 1pm.

Eyewitnesses told *Daily Trust* that the bus registered number XD 333 APP, which was heading to Obalende from Ojota, had a burst tyre as a result of over speeding. It swerved and hit a green Honda Accord saloon and pushed it into the lagoon before it finally rested on the railings of the bridge.

The owner of the Honda car with registration number LM 457 JJ, was identified as

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Prince Wale, a manager at the Bacchus Restaurant, Ikoyi. It was not confirmed if he was rescued alive.

Officials of the Lagos State Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS) and local fishermen who were on the high sea when the incident occurred assisted in the search for commuters who fell into the lagoon.

One of the victims, a man, was however rescued alive by the local fishermen. The dead were taken to the

Gbagada General Hospital.

As at the time of filing this report, officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), were still controlling traffic which had come to a standstill in the aftermath of the accident.

Lagos state Commissioner of Police, Emmanuel Adebayo, who was at the scene with his men, said Julius Berger construction firm would be contacted to offer assistance if the need arises and warned motorists against unnecessary speed particularly on the high way.

## Aviation workers protest in

Aviation workers will today be heading on a collision course with the management of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), over the recent recruitment of people from the public sector to the management positions in the aviation industry.

The aviation arm of the ministry of air transportation was said to have ordered the recruitment of about 35 senior management staff to manage some key areas in the agency. Some of the 35 new hands

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whose names were said to be receiving positive attention at the administrative department of FAAN, it was learnt, have already gone for their medical test at the agency's clinic and would be resuming soon.

But in a swift reaction, workers in the aviation sector acting under the aegis of Air Transport Services Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (ATSSSAN) and the National Union of Air Transport Em-