

The NLC coaster bus after the accident.

The remains of Rilwan Abdullahi in police van yesterday. Pic: Mohammed Lawal Shuaibu.

# Labour bus kills one, injures another

A man was crushed to death and another left in comma yesterday in Abuja by a vehicle belonging to the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) transport service.

The luxury bus with registration number NLC 53 FCT, which was coming from Nyanya rammed into the two men who were walking road side, leaving one dead on the spot and the other seriously injured, a traffic officer said.

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Mohammed who was controlling traffic at the junction said he was trying to stop the NLC bus but the driver was shouting brake failure.

The victims, Mohammed, said were hawking recharge cards before the incident. He said the accident victims were rushed to the Asokoro general hospital for treatment.

Mrs Tope Awe, a passenger on the bus, said just be-

fore the two men were hit, the driver began shouting that his brake had failed, throwing everyone on board into panic.

At the hospital, it was gathered that one of the victims, Rilwan Abdullahi, 22, from Zamfara state, was confirmed dead and handed over to the police. As at press time yesterday, the police had handed the corpse to one Kabiru Shitu of 16, Garki village, who claimed to be the deceased brother, for burial at the Garki cemetery.

The other victim, who was identified as Jamilu, is under intensive care at the hospital.

Nobody in the coaster bus was injured except 14-year-old Chika Usonu of Ebonyi state, who had a slight injury and is receiving treatment at the hospital.

He said he sustained in-

jury trying to run out of the bus when he heard the driver shouting Jesus.

When contacted, Asokoro divisional police officer, Mr Bassey Onoyom, said his men had investigated the incident and confirmed that it was caused by brake malfunction.

"We cannot possibly blame anybody for now because brake failure is beyond human control and could happen to anybody," he said.

The vehicle driver was detained at the police station for further investigation, the newly posted police chief added.

## Armed robbers attack Garki residents