

# Two Abuja cab drivers die in auto crash

**T**wo commercial cab operators were killed in the early hours of Friday in an auto crash in central Abuja.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the accident occurred at about 6 a.m., when a Toyota jeep, belonging to the Presidency, crashed into another Toyota car.

The driver of the car, with Abuja registration number AX 705 KUJ, and his colleague on the passenger seat, died instantly from the crash at the Bolingo Hotel junction.

The junction had been seen to be notorious for auto accidents arising from excessive speeding by motorists on the Independence Avenue heading toward the airport.

Eye witnesses told NAN that the collision occurred when the jeep, on a neck-breaking speed from Asokoro area of the city, rammed into the unsuspecting unpainted cab.

The corpses of the victims were said to have been deposited at the National Hospital, Abuja, where the injured security personnel in the jeep were admitted for treatment.

"Bottles of spirits (hot drinks) were allegedly found in the jeep, but policemen who arrived at the scene early, took them," a witness told NAN at the scene.

Many anti-riot policemen, men of the Nigeria Security and Defence Corps, military personnel and other volunteers assisted in the evacuation of the dead and the injured.

It also took the security personnel hectic time to control emotions from other unpainted cab operators who gathered in large number to protest the death of their colleagues.

The development slowed vehicular traffic on the busy Moshood Abiola Way connecting Wuse district with Garki area of the city. (NAN)