

# Bus driver dies in auto crash along Airport road

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

A driver of a commuter Hiace bus died while 15 others sustained various degrees of injuries in a road accident that occurred along Airport Road, Gwagwalada, yesterday.

The accident, which occurred at a police check point near Dantata Construction Company Yard at Giri junction, involved a commuter Hiace bus carrying passengers and a Toyota Starlet car.

One of the victims, Joseph Okeh told *City News* at the scene of the accident that the driver of the commuter bus was on high speed when police officers at a check point tried to stop him. He defied police instruction, as a result of which he lost control of the vehicle and collided with a Toyota Starlet car coming from the opposite end.

"We cautioned the driver

to slow down as we were approaching the police check point to enable them search the vehicle, but the driver did not even listen to us."

The corpse of the bus driver was taken to Gwagwalada Specialist Hospital Mortuary by the police patrol team, while 15 other passengers were also taken to the same hospital where they are receiving treatment, FRSC officials told *City News*.

Also on the same road last Tuesday, 15 persons were severely injured in an accident that occurred at Gwako village, along Gwagwalada-Lokoja road.

The accident which involved a Toyota Corolla Car and a Peugeot saloon car, a witnesses told our reporter, occurred when the driver of

the Toyota Corolla car coming from Zuba made a dangerous overtaking at a sharp bend and in the process lost control and collided head on with Peugeot car coming from the opposite direction.

*City News*, who visited the Emergency Ward of Gwagwalada Specialist Hospital, saw some of the victims receiving treatment, and a nurse told our reporter that some of the victims that sus-

tained minor injuries had been treated and discharged.

The Gwagwalada Acting Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. P.U Ngene, confirmed the incident.

## Two bag 18 months for stealing senator

By Usman

Two brothers were yesterday sentenced to 18 months imprisonment by an Abuja magistrates' court for stealing the property of a senator.

Michael Ugwu and Edwin Ugwu of no fixed address were accused of breaking into Senator Lawal Shuaibu's house and stealing six LG Air conditioner split units, valued at N900, 000.

They were also accused of stealing eight cuttings and one wall clock.

Police report on the case states that "on September 17, 2007, Senator Lawal Shuaibu petitioned the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), that the accused persons broke into his house at 18 Atbore Street, off Cairo Street, Wuse 11, Abuja and stole the said items. It added that during police investigation the accused confessed to committing the crime.

During court proceedings, the accused persons pleaded guilty to the crime after the content of the first information report was read out to them.

They asked the court to have committed the crime when the refused to pay them after work needed money for feeding and four months for the woman, she lamented.

The further added that they s without salary after the house

The prosecutor, Dajuma E summarily trial after the confes

Presiding magistrate, Sunda the accused persons had admitt them to six months imprisonm of N2, 000 fines on each count