

# Trailer crushes 5 people in Kaduna

**T**ragedy struck in Kaduna yesterday when a trailer ran into a Toyota Liteace commercial bus from the rear, killing five people and injuring many others. Three people, including the bus driver are said to be in critical condition.

The accident took place at about 8am at Rabah road junction beside Arewa House within the metropolis.

According to an eyewitness, the trailer which was coming from Kano, was running at top speed from the NDA junction towards Ali Akilu road when it was stopped at the Rabah road junction by the traffic warden who then gave the bus coming from Rabah road the right of way. But the trailer driver having lost control due to the high speed was unable to stop the long truck, which then rammed into the bus, killing two people instantly.

The eyewitness told *Daily Trust* that it took the combined efforts of the traffic wardens, passers by and officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) who arrived the scene moments later to bring out the occupants of the crushed vehicle, and by which time, two of the bus passengers had lost their lives.

The eyewitness added that the trailer driver, having fallen into shock on the account of the gruesome sight and perhaps in fear of his own life, ran away and is yet to be located as at the time of filing this report.

"He immediately took to his heels, and disappeared knowing the implication of his actions. As we are certain, he will be arrest, we are also sure nothing is going to happen to him, because laws in this country are never applied as expected, that is why these avoidable incident continues to occur," one of the witnesses said.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Aminu Lawan confirmed the accident. He however said that it was the bus driver not the trailer driver, who ran away adding that the bus

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owner has been located while investigation is going on.

"I have just been briefed on the accident that a trailer hit a commercial bus at Rabah road junction leading to the death of five people. The information available to us showed that the bus driver ran away following the accident but we have found the bus owner as investigation continues. The people injured have been taken to hospital where they are receiving treatment," he said.

*Daily Trust* recalls that only three weeks ago, Kaduna metropolis witnessed another fatal motor accident involving the state security outfit, Operation *Yaki* vehicle and another Toyota Liteace commercial bus killing four people on the River Kaduna bridge.

Again, just some metres away from the scene of yesterday's accident, another trailer in a high speed caused the untimely death of a veteran journalist, late Malam Mustafa Inuwa, when its two wheels untied, hit him and also smashed many on-sale vehicles at NDA bus stop.

## Why diesel price will remain high

**By Hamisu Muhammad**

**T**he price of diesel otherwise known as Automotive Gasoline Oil (AGO) will continue to remain high as long as the international crude oil prices escalate, the Chairman of Depot and Petro-

leum Products Marketers Association (DAPPM) Chief Sylverius Okoli, has said.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* in Abuja yesterday, Chief Sylverius Okoli dispelled the

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