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### Nigeria: Two Crushed to Death At Dutsen-Makaranta

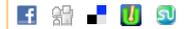
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A commercial motorcyclist and a passenger on the bike were yesterday morning crushed to death by a 911 tipper at Dutsen-Makaranta, in the Federal Capital Territory.

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According to an eye witness, Abdullahi Musa, the tipper driver with registration number XA 347 GWA was coming from Bwari at top speed and it suddenly crossed over to the opposite lane and crushed the cyclist and passenger.

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"It seems the tipper driver was trying to take a short cut to Dawarki village but did not watch well before crossing over to the opposite lane," he said.

The Head of Dutsen- Alhaji Market's Police Outpost, Inspector John Ijibila attributed the accident to careless driving and over speeding on the part of the tipper driver.

He said the driver drove straight to the station and narrated what happened, adding that he ran to the station for safety.

"The suspect is in custody and will be transferred to the Police Divisional Headquarters at Bwari, where he would be charged to court.

He said the corpses have been handed over to the deceased persons' relatives for burial according to Islamic rite.

In another accident, three persons inside a commercial bus narrowly escaped death near Eterna Filling Station by Obafemi Awolowo way, Utako, when a Berger Mercedes rammed into the back of the bus.

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An eye witness said the commercial bus with registration number Kano XE 893 NSR made a quick U-turn at the same time the truck with registration number Abuja XB 419 KWL was driving past the junction.

"I praise the driver of the Julius Berger truck because he used a lot of experience to control his vehicle if not the truck would have crushed everyone in the bus beyond recognition," he said.

Our reporter observed a traffic policeman assessing the damages and also measuring the accident scene to determine the faulty driver.

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