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AEPB stops hawkers from displaying wares

By Usman A. Bello

OFFICIALS of the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB) yesterday and in the early hours of Sunday morning, foiled plans by street traders to display their wares by the roadsides around Wuse Market and Berger junction in the Federal Capital Territory.

A witness said the officials arrived the areas at 3.30am and their presence surprised street traders as well as hawkers who arrived later in the morning and were scared to display their wares.

Speaking to newsmen, AEPB's Director, Dr Abubakar Shehu Yabo, said the exercise was long overdue and that the board's

officials came early in the morning to prevent street traders from displaying their goods.

"We have told them on numerous occasions that hawking along the walkways is not permitted in the FCT as well as sensitized them on the risks of hawking by the roadsides, as they could be hit by a vehicle," he said.

The director also accused the hawkers of contributing to traffic jams along the road and waste accumulation in the city.

He said the board would collaborate with officials of the Directorate of Road Traffic Services (DRTS), the police and the Federal Road Safety Commission to ensure that the exercise is sustained.

Accident victim dies in traffic jam

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

AN unidentified accident victim being rushed to the hospital by officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) Monday evening died in a traffic hold up along Gwagwalada road.

A witness said the accident occurred at 4:15 pm, when a Daf truck with registration number XB 371KTG crashed at Gada-Biyu village and the driver sustained serious injuries after being trapped inside the vehicle.

"The driver later gave up the ghost inside a FRSC's van that was caught up in a traffic jam," the witness said.

Reacting to the incident, Yangoji

FRSC unit Commander, Mr. Abdulahi Umar, said the victim was rescued alive and later died on his way to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital due to traffic jam.

In a related development, one person also died while six others sustained serious injuries on Tuesday evening in another accident that occurred near Bulletin Construction yard, along Abaji- Lokoja road.

A witness said the accident happened when a commercial Hiace bus with registration number AE 147 ZKW had a burst tyre and crashed into a ditch, killing one person on the spot.

Abaji FRSC unit Commander, Mr. Joseph Onyemauche Ezech, attrib-

uted the accident to speed limit violation and burst tyre, adding that the corpse was deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Morgue at Gwagwalada.

He said the injured victims were taken to Abaji General Hospital for treatment.

According to him, one person was also injured in another accident that involved a Mandiesel truck with registration number XL 961 KTU and Toyota Hiace bus with registration number XC 23 YAB at Manderegi village on the same day.

The unit commander said the Hiace bus driver wrongly overtook another vehicle and crashed into the Mandiesel truck, leaving one person seriously wounded.