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## Nigeria: Auto Crashes Claim Five in Taraba, Lagos

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Lagos — Three unidentified persons were seen lying dead at the scene of a ghastly auto crash involving a navy blue18-seater Toyota bus and a red Toyota Corolla car along Mutum-Biyu-Bali road yesterday afternoon.

Also, two persons were said to have died when the vehicle they were travelling in had a head on collision with another along the Lekki-Epe expressway, in Lagos.

Our correspondent who was travelling from Baissa to Jalingo who arrived at the scene of the Taraba crash few minutes after the incident, counted three mangled dead bodies on the bloodied turf by the roadside.

The crash occurred at a sharp bend between Nahuta, and Mayo Kam villages on the Mutum-Biyu-Bali highway at about 2:15 pm.

The bus with registration number XP332 KRD was carrying 11 passengers including the driver and was coming from Bali, while the car with registration number GYA 92 AA was heading the opposite direction.

Terna Tsetim, a survivor said the bus which was also carrying Vegas body cream and soap suddenly rammed into the side of the car at the bend.

"It was too sudden for anybody to understand what happened, but I just saw the red car on the road as if it was crossing the road and it was too close for our driver to brake and he just rammed into the side of the car," he said.

Terna who was lucky not to have even a bruise on his body was frantically attending to his colleagues some of who were fatally injured and were screaming from pain.

Nobody appeared to have survived in the red.

Meanwhile, the two people that died in the Lagos crash were mechanics who were alleged to be test riding a Volkswagen Passat car.

Three people were said to have sustained injuries during the accident.

One of the occupants of the other vehicle is alleged to be a member of the House of Representatives. The identity of the female member of the lower chamber is still unknown as at time of filling this report.

The other car allegedly being driven by the member is a Nissan Villager SUV, with registration number NASS FL 143 REPS.

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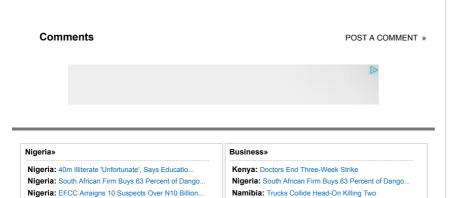


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