



BUS KILLS CUSTOMS OFFICER IN LAGOS



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A Senior Inspector of Customs attached to the Federal Operation Unit (FOU), Zone A, Ikeja, was on Wednesday killed in crash involving a commercial bus.

A yet to be ascertained number of persons travelling in the bus sustained various degrees of injuries and have since been admitted at the Badagry General Hospital.

A witness said the Customs Inspector identified simply as Kajang F.S and another yet to be identified person died on the spot.

The witness said an 18 seater Mile 2 bound commercial bus which took off from Seme-Border, Badagry, was allegedly being pursued by policemen attached to the joint border patrol.

The witness alleged that the policemen suspected that the vehicle was carrying frozen poultry products and demanded for an undisclosed amount from the driver, a request which the driver allegedly rebuffed and zoomed off.

"At Gbetrome, the police team went after the fleeing driver. They shot at the tyres of the bus to force it to stop. Unfortunately, the bus skidded off its track, ran over the road median and ran into the vehicle being driven by the inspector killing him and one other person on the spot," he said.

Another source said after the incident, the policemen took off, leaving their victims behind for fear of attack by villagers, who later took to the street to protest "the numerous check points on the Badagry route."

When contacted, the FOU Public Relations Officer Uche Ijesiame told Daily Trust that the deceased was until his death serving at the unit and was posted to Gbaji Check point, Badagry.

He said the officer was driving to Seme, from Badagry on Wednesday when a vehicle skidded and ran into him.

"Preliminary investigation conducted revealed that the bus that ran into the deceased was being chased by policemen attached to the Joint Border Patrol.

We were told that the policemen who suspected that the vehicle was carrying frozen poultry product shot at the tyres of the fleeing bus. The driver lost control, skidded and ram into the deceased," he added.

He added that FOU is presently conducting an investigation into the matter and would reach out to the police as soon as it is concluded.

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