

Eight feared killed in Lagos auto crash

TWO people were killed in a motor accident, which occurred at the Onipanu area - of Ikorodu Expressway in Lagos, according to the police.

Unconfirmed reports, however, said no fewer than eight people died in the accident involving a Toyota Hiace commuter bus registered XA 669 SMA and a truck registered XA 949 KTU.

Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer said the accident occurred when the bus ran into a stationary truck in the early hours of the morning.

A police officer at the Ilupeju Police Station told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the truck which broke down on Monday afternoon was reported to Lagos State Transport Management Agency (LASTMA) for removal.

He said that miscreants (area boys) prevented LASTMA officials from removing the truck, insisting that N150,000 must be paid to them before it could be removed.

LASTMA's Head of Operations, Zone III, Iponri, Mr. Mustapha Ogunaiké, confirmed the harassment, adding that the accident occurred at about 6.15 a.m. The accident caused a heavy traffic on the major highway, as police and LASTMA officials removed the vehicles.

Monday is holiday

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