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The scene of the accident

The victims were passing the night inside three Volkswagen buses, popularly called Danfo

NO fewer than four persons were in the early hours of yesterday sent to their early grave, when a truck sped off the Agege Motor road and rammed over vehicles packed on the roadside in the opposite direction.

The deceased and some six others currently in the hospital were passing the night inside three Volkswagen buses, popularly called Danfo and a taxicab. The accident, right opposite the Alakara Police Division, Mushin, Lagos, left all the four vehicles crumbled, with

tonnes of suspected poultry feeds (labeled 'Diamond Brand') all scattered round the wreckage.

An eyewitness, Enitan Abatan, said the accident happened around midnight when the truck, on full throttle swerved to the opposite direction in the bid to avoid another truck parked by the Alakara police station.

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Abatan, who watched from a nearby storey building, said: “The truck suddenly lost control and went to the other side on full speed and climbed on all the vehicles on that side. It was like a movie scene.”

It would be recalled that ace Nigerian rapper, Dagrinn, in April 2010, died from a head injury sustained after his car rammed into a stationary truck parked in front of Alakara Police Station, off Agege Motor Road, Mushin.

Other eyewitnesses, who spoke to The Guardian, were unanimous that though the accident was severe, some of the victims might have survived if they were immediately rescued.

“It was in the night, so no one could immediately come out, though many heard noise from the accident. It took a long while before they could get help and several hours too to break the iron parts and rescue those trapped inside.

“Four of them had died. Others were taken to the hospital. They (the victims) are conductors and some area boys. It is the vehicles they work with and which they also sleep in at night,” another eyewitness said.

When The Guardian visited yesterday afternoon, fresh bloodstains were still vivid all around the buses.

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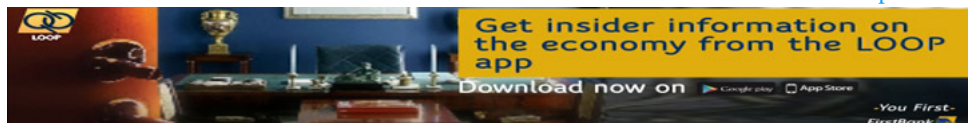
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