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## **Blood flows on Third Mainland Bridge**

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The scene of the accident

As six persons die, 23 injured in auto crashes in Lagos

Six people have been confirmed dead and 23 others injured in two separate accidents that occurred in Lagos State on Wednesday night and yesterday

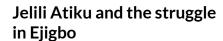
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morning.

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) disclosed that the accidents occurred on Third Mainland Bridge and Alapere area of Ketu.

The first accident, which claimed five lives, occurred on Third Mainland Bridge, inward Oworonshoki. Six persons were injured in the accident.



It involved a Mazda commercial bus with Reg. No. AKD 292 XL coming from Ajah-Lekki en-route Oshodi. The bus rammed into a stationary truck, which broke down on the road around 10:24p.m. on Wednesday night. Investigation conducted by LASEMA's Emergency Response Team at the scene revealed that the commercial bus hit the faulty truck while on top speed.

"Five victims, adult males, were trapped and removed from the vehicle dead by the agency Emergency Response Team while six adult males were rescued alive with severe injuries and were taken to the Accident and Emergency Centre (Trauma Centre) and Gbagada General Hospital by the Lagos State Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS).

"The dead bodies were also evacuated by the State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit (SEHMU) to Mainland Hospital Mortuary, except the commercial bus driver, whose body was released at the request of his family members and friends through the intervention of the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, who was present at the scene of the accident," LASEMA General Manager, Michael Akindele, said.



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Akindele said the faulty truck, which caused the accident, was also set ablaze by an angry mob. He added that officials of the Lagos State Fire Service were able to put out the fire.

The second accident occurred around 3:35a.m. on Thursday at Alapere, inward Toll Gate. It involved a Volkswagen commercial bus with 18 passengers, coming from Lagos Island en-route Mile 12. According to Akindele, the bus somersaulted. Seventeen people injured in the accident were taken to the Trauma Centre at Toll Gate by LASEMA Emergency Response Team and LASAMBUS.

A female adult, identified as Iya Ewe, died on the spot and the recovered body was conveyed by SEHMU to the Mainland General Hospital.

Akindele commiserated with the families of the dead and also advised motorists, especially late night drivers to be cautious while driving at night to avoid accidents.

He also commended the quick intervention of the Lagos State Commissioner of Police and Commander of the RRS.

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