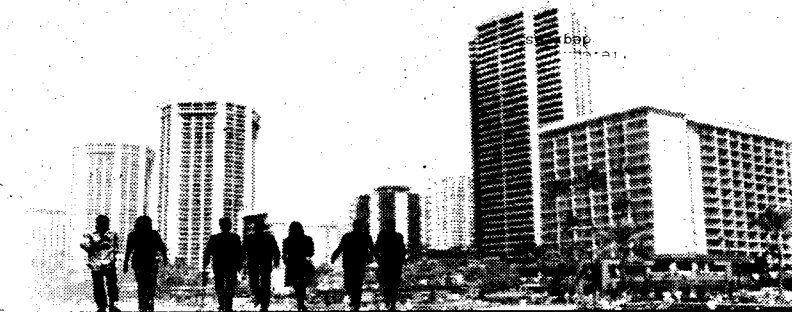


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Church Bus Crushes Pregnant Woman

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A pregnant woman on her way back from church service at Living Faith Church a.k.a *Winners Chapel* was on Sunday crushed to death by a commuter bus belonging to the church.

The incident happened at about 1.30p.m. at Alakuko Bus Stop on Abeokuta/Lagos Expressway. The vehicle killed the woman and

her unborn child instantly, slashing part of her flesh and blood on the main road.

Policemen from nearby Alakuko Police Station where seen at the scene trying to control traffic as the incident has already caused a heavy traffic jam.

A police sergeant who led the team of traffic policemen from the station said their investigation revealed that the

driver was on top speed and that the vehicle was over-loaded.

The registration number of the vehicle which the police said was forcefully obtained from a member of the church is AL 234 TTD and had an inscription 088 boldly written on the front and back of the long vehicle.

A vulcanizer, Seun Kazeem, whose workshop is close to the scene of the accident said the bus had wanted to drop off

passengers, majority of whom were members of the church when before the woman could disembark, the driver had moved the vehicle making her miss a step and fell. This made the rear tyres to crush her and she died instantly.

It was gathered that as soon as the incident happened, the conductor of the bus and driver went straight to the number plates of the bus and removed them, "after that they both disappeared.

As at the time we arrived as a result of the long traffic build-up following a long traffic build-up, the driver of the vehicle had ran away. So we sent somebody to their Church in Idi-Oroko to report the incident that is where we got the vehicle registration number," a police source said.

Police said the remains of the woman has been deposited at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital mortuary, in Ikeja.