

Auto Crash Claims One

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Tragedy struck Wednesday for the family of Momoh Abdulkarim when the vehicle he was travelling for the *Eid-el-Kabir* celebration was involved in a ghastly motor accident, leaving one person dead.

The incident happened at about 7a.m. with other members of the family sustaining various degrees of injuries. A source disclosed that they have been taken to a private hospital within the vicinity of the accident. It was learnt that the incident, which happened along the Lagos/Ibadan expressway very close to Mobil Petrol Station by Michael Otedola Housing Estate, caused

a heavy traffic built-up at the early hour of the day.

Daily Independent gathered from witnesses at the scene that the commercial bus had a head-long collision with the victim car and the impact was so much that one of the occupants of the private car was thrown out of the car through the shattered windscreen.

It was learnt that the casualty is the second son of Abdulkarim, a Junior Secondary School (JSS) three student in one of the Muslim colleges in Lagos. A police source, who confirmed the incident, added that the father of the child at the time of this report was in comma.

The source said the family was heading to Ilorin in Kwara State for *Sallah* holiday and the driver of the

commercial vehicle, who was on reverse, ran into the victim's car.

Police said the driver of the bus took to his heels immediately he realised what he had done. But police said he would be traced with his vehicle particulars and other documents he left behind. "Moreover, we have the conductor with us and he will take us to him very soon," the policeman, who craved anonymity said.

An official of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Imodu Osagie, at the scene of the accident, said the driver of the commercial vehicle spotted their presence and because he was driving an overloaded vehicle, was trying to escape but ended up causing the accident that claimed the life of the innocent young boy.