

The Nation's sales officer dies in auto crash in Ibadan, ThisDay man injured

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OKE-PADRE, an Ibadan hinterland and depot for the distribution of newspapers and magazines was on Wednesday morning thrown into mourning following the crushing to death of Assistant Sales Representatives of The Nation Newspaper in Ibadan, Timothy Adeosun, just a few minutes after the shout of Happy New Year.

It was alleged that the vehicle was driven by an amateur driver and the

incident, which left Adeosun's colleague in *ThisDay Newspaper*, Juwon Babalola, severely injured, occurred at Salvation Army Road, a stone throw to Oke-Padre.

Following the incident, newspaper distribution in the city on Wednesday, was badly affected as several vendors and agents, who could not bear the loss, refused to pick their consignments of newspapers and magazines.

It was learnt that the two victims, who rode on a motorcycle, were return-

ing from Church where they attended the cross-over service, when a vehicle said to be driven by the amateur driver, skidded off his lane and rammed into the motorcycle, leaving the two victims severely injured.

They were said to have been rushed to nearby private hospitals, but that they could not be treated due to the severity of the injuries.

As at press time on Wednesday, Babalola was receiving treatment at the Accident and Emergency

Unit of the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan.

But, Adeosun was not so lucky as he was said to have bled profusely while he was being taken around and died shortly before he got to the UCH.

His corpse had since been deposited at the hospital's morgue.

The amateur driver, who is said to be a young boy, drove a brown Acura Legend car 3.2TL, with registration number, Lagos FKJ 894 DC, belonging to Spin Pre-Varsity.