

Six killed as bus rams into commuters

SIX persons were feared killed in an auto accident yesterday morning when a commercial bus driver who was avoiding arrest by the Lagos State Traffic Management Agency (LASTMA) operatives rammed into commuters at Ojota bus-stop.

Following the incident, members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW)

• LASTMA, NURTW men clash

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clashed with LASTMA.

There was commotion as people scampered for safety. Many people were injured.

Some LASTMA officials fled as social miscreants cashed in on the situation to rob innocent victims of their valuables. Members of the NURTW complained about the mode of operations of

the LASTMA officials.

According to a member, who did not give his name, the union is tired of the endless extortion and wants the state government to check the excesses of the traffic agency.

"They are fond of harassing us and each time we complain, it only gets worse. The government must do something to

avert an all out war."

He said yesterday's incident was unfortunate, adding that it occurred when a bus driver, in his failed attempt to evade a LASTMA official rammed into commuters.

The state police spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni said a truck-load of mobile policemen had been drafted to Ojota to maintain peace to contain the melee.