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Several feared dead, many injured in Molue crash

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Several commuters were yesterday **feared** dead and **many injured** when a **Molue** bus veered off the road and rammed into the entrance of a construction company on the Abeokuta Express Road by Mangoro bus stop. The accident occurred at about 11.00am.

But Police Public Relations Officer, Frank Uba, last night, while confirming the incident to The Nation, said nobody died in the accident.

But he confirmed that 10 were injured

Evewitnesses account said the bus, which was coming from Sango-Otta and heading to Idumota on Lagos Island. was on a high speed when suddenly it started swerving on the road until it slammed into the building.

As soon as it hit the walls of the building, its left side reportedly tore off and many of the passengers were thrown off their seats.

Consequently, a number of them who could not be ascertained at the time this reporter got to the scene, according to eye-witnesses, died, while many were seriously injured.

Some lost fingers, legs, and a few others sustained slight bruises

An eye-witness told The Nation that the driver and conductor of the bus, who probably must have removed the vehicle number, disappeared into thin air

The witness also said that many of those feared dead and wounded were convened by two Paragon Volkswagen buses volunteered by some good Samaritans to unknown hospitals in the metropolis.

An old woman, who was just saying Olorun, e seun o, Olorun, e seun o (God, I thank You, God, I thank you...), said in Yoruba that they, (all the passengers) had been shouting on the driver to reduce the speed, but he refused to listen. Rather, he started hooting the horn of his vehicle to muffle their voices.

"Some of the passengers were even abusing him and he, too, was replying and cursing people randomly. Yet, he continued speeding. Then, we realized that he began to struggle with the vehicle and tried to bring it to a stop; but it seemed to be having difficulty".

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