

Driver dies, others injured

A COMMERCIAL bus driver lost his life while nine others sustained injuries yesterday in an accident on the Mpape-Aya Expressway in Abuja.

An eyewitness, who could not ascertain the name of the late driver, said the deceased's 10-seater bus collided with a truck belonging to Julius Berger, a construction firm, at about 7.a.m.

The witness, Malam Ibrahim Suleiman, said that it was obvious that the brake system of the deceased's vehicle failed, resulting in the vehicle ramming into the oncoming truck of the construction firm.

Officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) were at the scene soon after it occurred and evacuated those who sustained injuries to the hospital.

A commercial bus driver, Mr Felix Ajayi, said he knew the deceased as a member of the drivers' association and that his bus was heading to the Julius Berger bus stop when the accident occurred.

Ajayi described the Mpape Junction as a death trap, which had claimed many lives.

He appealed to the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) and the Federal Ministry of Works to take necessary measures to reduce accidents at the junction.

Another driver, Mr Abdulkareem Jamiu, lamented the increasing rate of accidents in Abuja metropolis.

He advised the government to provide good network of roads in the country as well as install traffic signs and lights at strategic junctions to prevent accidents.