

FRSC man dies on rescue mission

AN Assistant Route Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) at the Ijebu-Ode Command, Mr. Olasoji Olaleye, died yesterday on duty.

The late Olaleye and other security agents were trying to rescue some accident victims on the Ososa Bridge, near Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State, when a luxury bus, marked XC 373 NEN, ran into him.

The late Olaleye fell into the river and was brought out dead minutes later.

Three commuters were in-

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jured.

Ijebu-Ode FRSC Sector Commander Ayobami Omiyale said the driver of the bus, belonging to the Young Shall Grow Motors, was over speeding.

The driver was apprehended and taken to a nearby police station.

Omiyale described the late Olaleye, who hailed from Ifon in Ondo State, as "a committed officer".

He said: "Immediately we

got information that there was an accident on the road, Olaleye and other officers left our office in Ijebu-Ode to the scene. When we saw the magnitude of the accident, we decided to divert traffic, which was as long as 500 meters, to enable us clear the road. "Moreso, there was a lot of fuel on the road, which could cause another accident. But the driver of the bus was over speeding. He did not obey the caution sign and hit Olaleye, who landed in the river. By the time

he was brought out of the river, he was dead."

Zonal Commander of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE) Hamzat Tommy said the first accident involved a Mazda (FQ 658 EKY), two DAF trucks (XV 514 APP and XP 987 KSF) and a Mack petrol tanker (XA 769 KNM).

Tommy said the accident occurred a few minutes to 7am.

He urged motorists to obey traffic laws.