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Nigerian Tribune gathered that the first accident occurred at Airport Bus Stop area on Sango-UI road in Ibadan at 12.05a.m. when a Nissan Micra car with registration number BDJ 858 XA, painted in commercial colour, rammed into two pedestrians while on top speed.

The victims, one Frank Eyong, an Assistant Superintendent of Customs and his colleague, Ena Nsad, had just left the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Church, Samonda Area, where they had gone to pray to usher in the new year.

Immediately shouts of "Happy New Year" rent the air within the church at the stroke of 12 midnight, the two Customs Officers stepped out to board a vehicle to their home at Ijokodo area of the city.

An eyewitness account said that they were standing on the road median when the Nissan Micra car, driven by one Ademola Abdullateef (25), which was coming from Sango end, suddenly swerved and rammed into the two men, throwing them off the ground.

Eyong reportedly died instantly as a result of serious head injury, with his eyes bulging out, while Nsad, who also sustained head injury, fainted.

The vehicle was also said to have left its side of the road, crossed the median and turned towards Sango from where it was coming.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Olabisi Okuwobi-Ilobanafor, who, fortunately, was at the scene, reportedly prevented angry youths from setting the car ablaze as she quickly radioed to call the attention of police patrol men from Sango Division to the scene.

The remains of the deceased were said to have been evacuated to the mortuary while the injured had water poured on him to resuscitate him, after which he was rushed to the Accident and Emergency ward at the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan for treatment.

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