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6 die in Lagos accidents

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NO fewer than six people were on Wednesday, killed with others severely injured in two separate accidents which occurred on the Abeokuta expressway in Lagos State.

Four people were around mid-day crushed to death and others injured by a commercial bus in Abule Egba area of the state, while two people died in another accident at the old Sango Toll Gate.

The two accidents created serious gridlock on the ever-busy road, as operatives of the joint military patrol team OP MESSA, policemen, officials of LASTMA and others evacuated the dead bodies and rescued the injured.

Early on Wednesday, two people said to be occupants of a trailer laden with a container, died, after the trailer somersaulted in a lone accident at old Sango Toll Gate.

The Nigerian Tribune gathered that the trailer was coming from Lagos on a top speed and lost control while descending the Ajegunle slope towards the toll gate.

The driver of the truck tried to ascend the Dalemo Sango slope, but lost control, resulting in the vehicle somersaulting, killing the occupants.

In another accident, four pedestrians, in a crowd crossing the expressway at Abule Egba bus stop were killed and others injured by a commercial vehicle, which also reportedly had failed brakes.

The Nigerian Tribune gathered that the bus driver had just negotiated his way out of the Abule Egba gridlock and was headed for Sango on a high speed, when he rammed into the crowd.

An eyewitness, who pleaded anonymity, told the Nigerian Tribune that the driver of the bus made frantic efforts to stop the bus, but he crushed the pedestrians to the road median.

The injured victims were taken in OP MESSA van to the General Hospital at Oke Odo, while bodies of the deceased were taken to the morque.

The driver of the bus was later taken away by the police to prevent him being lynched by the angry crowd, who gathered at the scene.

Efforts to get the reaction of the imager maker in charge of the state police command, Kenneth Nwosu, failed.

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