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TRAGEDY struck in Akure, Ondo State capital, on Thursday evening, when a commercial bus driver lost control, killing a plantain chips hawker while three others were seriously injured.

According to an eyewitness, the commercial bus with registration number OYO XC 247 YYY, was coming from Ile-Ife in Osun State and heading towards Akure, when the incident happened, killing the hawker identified as Johnson Ogah, at the entrance gate of the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA).

He explained that the bus, after hitting the deceased, also hit three other buses coming from the opposite direction causing traffic gridlock on the ever busy expressway.

The eyewitness said the remains of the 25-year-old hawker, who died on the spot while his plantain chips scattered on the road, were taken to the state mortuary hospital in Akure.

The commercial driver, identified as Bamidele Orimisan from Oke Amala, Modakeke, Osun State, had been arrested and detained at the Okuta Elerinla Divisional Police Station, Akure.

Confirming the incident, the Ondo State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Femi Joseph, said the remains of the deceased had been deposited at the State Specialists Hospital, Akure while the police had commenced investigation on the matter.

"The driver is in our custody and we have started investigation over the incident," the PPRO explained.

Similarly, Ondo Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr Edward Zamber, who confirmed the incident, said the accident occurred as a result of brake failure.

He warned the people, especially children, against hawking on the road, saying it was a way of endangering their lives.

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