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Three die in Lagos-Ibadan highway crash

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A driver of a truck conveying tubers of yam from Ekiti State to Lagos State died in an auto crash in the early hours of Wednesday on the Lagos-Ibadan highway when it crashed into a detached truck head that fell from the back of another truck.

The incident occurred at about 4:30a.m. at Ayetoro axis of the highway, the *Nigerian Tribune* learnt.

Involved in the accident were a Scania truck with

registration number KRD 251 XW and Mack truck which had its number plate already removed.

According to the Public Relations Officer of Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Mr Babatunde Akinbiyi, the Mack truck was conveying the detached head of a truck when the truck head suddenly fell off the Mack truck.

Unfortunately, a Scania truck coming behind rammed into the detached head, causing the death of the driver on the spot as a result of the impact of the

collision.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the driver of the Mack truck, which caused the accident, ran away with the number plate and the battery of the truck.

But the TRACE PRO said that the vehicles involved in the accident had been taken to the Mowe police station.

Akinbiyi added that officials from TRACE, Federal

Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and policemen from Mowe division were on ground to restore free flow of the traffic, while the driver's remains were deposited at Fakoya morgue in Sagamu by the police.

Also, the FRSC in Ogun confirmed that two persons died on Tuesday when a commercial bus somersaulted on the La-

gos-Ibadan highway.

FRSC Sector Commander, Mr Clement Oladele, told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* in Abeokuta, the state capital, on Wednesday that the accident occurred at about 5 p.m., at Lamona Park on the highway.

Oladele said the Volkswagen commercial bus, marked LSR 971 XG, had 16

females, 12 males and three children on board.

He said the accident was caused by a tyre burst which resulted in the vehicle somersaulting.

"Two people died in the accident and their corpses have been deposited at Isara mortuary, while the injured were taken to a hospital in Ogere," he said.

