

Driver, conductor flee as commercial bus kills pedestrian, injures two in Lagos

THE Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) on Saturday said a commercial bus driver and conductor fled after causing the death of a pedestrian while two individuals were severely injured.

General Manager of LASTMA, Mr Olalekan Bakare-Oki, confirmed this in a statement made available to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* on Saturday in Lagos.

Bakare-Oki said that the accident, which occurred at the Iyana Ejigbo area of the state, involved a commercial LT bus (AAA 927 YJ).

"Preliminary findings indicate that the commercial bus, reportedly speeding, experienced a brake failure, causing the driver to lose control.

"The vehicle veered off course and hit unsuspecting bystanders.

"In a disturbing turn of

events, the driver and conductor fled the scene immediately following the accident, abandoning the victims and the vehicle," he said.

He said operatives of LASTMA responded on time, extracting the deceased, who was pinned beneath the bus, and rendered immediate assistance to the injured.

He added that all the three victims were taken to the General Hospital, Isolo, for medical intervention.

"Throughout the rescue effort, officers of the Ejigbo Police Division provided security reinforcement to ensure a smooth operation.

"The vehicle has since been taken to the police station by LASTMA personnel for comprehensive investigation," he said.

Bakare-Oki conveyed his condolences to the family of the deceased and extended wishes for the swift recovery of the injured parties.