

Motorist crushes two inside market

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A driver of a DAF 3600 truck, on Sunday, ran over two pedestrians inside Sandgross Market in Lagos, leaving them with severe injuries.

While one of the victims, Kazeem Olaide, is recuperating in a nearby hospital where they were rushed immediately after the accident, the second victim, a yet-to-be identified adult male, died shortly after their arrival at the hospital.

One Kehinde Salami, of Baale Masifa St., Ogbomoso in Oyo State, allegedly drove the vehicle marked XD 928 BDG as at the time of the incident.

Our correspondent learnt that Salami might have used the truck to convey goods from one of the neighbouring states for sale in the market.

As at press time on Monday, traffic policemen from Lion Building were making efforts to ascertain the identity of the deceased in order to locate his relatives.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police, told our correspondent that the police have started investigating the case.

In a related development, three other pedestrians were crushed to death by motorists in different parts of the metropolis on

Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, a Kia Rio saloon car marked DM 494 GGE allegedly driven by one Babajide Akinsanya ran over a pedestrian by Mobil Filling-Station on Gbagada Expressway at about 9.30am.

The victim, Jimoh Abdullahi, died later at a nearby hospital and policemen from Shomolu are investigating the case.

On Saturday, a Mercedes Benz car marked DS 832 KJA driven by Shobowale Akindele, crushed a yet-to-be identified female pedestrian at Ile-Epo bus stop on the Lagos-Abeokuta Ex-

pressway at about 8.30am. The victim later died in a nearby hospital.

Also on the same day, a MAN-Diesel lorry marked XK 348 APP driven by Yomi Oyelaran crushed a pedestrian, Zeinab Ibrahim, on Ozuma Mbadiwe Road, Victoria Island. The victim died on the spot.

Ojajuni said all the cases were being investigated by the nearest police stations to the scenes.

While urging motorists to be more careful, he advised pedestrians to ensure that they use pedestrian bridges where they are available.

Gunmen release robbery suspects

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A gang of suspected armed robbers, on Monday, attacked a police van conveying armed robbery suspects from Bangi to Kontagora and released the suspects.

They also chopped off the fingers of one of the police escorts.

The robbery suspects were said to be on their way to Kontagora where they were expected to appear before a court when the incident happened.

Our correspondent learnt that the incident occurred at about 11am when the police vehicle ran into the ambush laid by the suspects.

On sighting the police van, the robbers reportedly attacked the policemen and

released the suspects.

It was also learnt that while two police escorts fled, one was unlucky as the robbers caught him.

They reportedly chopped off his right arm and had four out of the five fingers of his left hand severed.

Our correspondent gathered that four armed robbery suspects, who were being conveyed to Kontagora, were released by the robbers.

A top police officer in the state confirmed the incident to our correspondent.

The source, however, refused to give more details on the development.

He said the facts before the police on the incident as at press time was still sketchy.