



• A survivor at the scene of the accident in Ibadan, Oyo State... on Sunday. Photo: Akin Oyedele.

# 16 die in Ibadan auto crash

**Akin Oyedele, Ibadan**

**N**O fewer than 16 Lagos-bound passengers were feared dead on Sunday in an accident involving a commercial bus and a Mercedes Benz car at the Shokan area of Challenge

in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

Witnesses said the accident occurred around 3.30 pm when the driver of the car attempted to link the express road from the service lane.

The driver of the bus,

marked Oyo XE 238 BDJ, was said to be coming from the Iwo Road end of the city when he ramméd into the car.

It was learnt that as a result of the impact of the crash, the bus skidded off the road before landing in

the carnal under a bridge where the ongoing Ogunpa channelisation was billed to end.

Witnesses claimed that five of the passengers died on the spot while 11 others gave up the ghost on their way to the nearby State Hospital,

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Adeoyo and the University College Hospital.

Two of the passengers who made it to the UCH were said to be receiving treatment at the emergency unit.

A man said to be in his 30s escaped unhurt.

Five corpses were said to have been deposited at the UCH mortuary.

Where the remaining corpses were deposited could not be ascertained as at press time on Sunday.

The scene of the accident was littered with yam tubers, loaves of bread, palm oil and other personal effects of the victims when our corre-

spondent visited.

Officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission, who were part of the rescue team, declined comments when contacted by our correspondent.

Witnesses said an

FRSC team took custody of the personal effects of the victims, including their GSM handsets and some unspecified cash recovered from the scene.

An official of the National Union of Road Transport Workers from Iwo

Road, Alhaji Kahab Adeyemi, told newsmen that accidents of such nature were becoming common at the spot.

He pleaded with the government to mount barriers at the spot to prevent further carnage.

## EFCC should probe Andy Uba – Bugaje

• Loretta Mabinton has no case to answer – Counsel

**Tony Amokeodo and  
Ofonime Umanah**

THE Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, Dr. Usman Bugaje, on Sunday urged the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission

damage on our image. It means we are abusing our diplomatic privileges and it is going to come with some consequences."

Fresh facts, however, emerged on Sunday that contrary to the impression that Mabinton, a Nigerian, is a girl friend to Uba, it was

people can misuse such terms.

"But this is not as critical as the issue of trying to create impression that both of them were involved in some criminal activities and that they have been indicted for a major criminal

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