

Woman jumps off bus, dies at bus stop

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A yet-to-be-identified middle-aged woman died at a bus stop in Lagos on Thursday immediately she allegedly jumped off a commercial bus.

The incident, which drew a crowd of sympathisers, occurred at about 1pm at Isate bus stop, Alapere end of the Third Mainland Bridge.

The woman, wearing a brown gown, was laid on the ground by the gate of the Alapere Police Station when our correspondent got to the scene.

The incident happened about 30 minutes earlier, our correspondent was told by one of the victim's co-passengers in the bus.

It was learnt that the woman joined the bus, which loaded from Obalende, at Iyana-Oworo and was seated close to the entrance.

While some people said she jumped out of the bus at Alapere when the bus had not come to a final halt, some claimed the driver did not want to stop for her.

However, it was learnt that

the bus had a burst tyre and the sudden noise that accompanied the rupture made the woman to jump off the bus before it could come to a final halt.

She hit her head against the tar and got some laceration on one side of her face. She went unconscious and within minutes, gave up the ghost.

When attempts by her co-passengers and sympathisers to revive her failed and it was noticed that she had died, the attention of policemen was drawn to the scene.

The police carried and placed her on the ground in front of their station so that whoever could identify her would notify her relations.

The empty bus with its burst tyre was still at the spot of the incident at the time of filing this report just as the police were interrogating the driver.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, who said he was yet to be briefed about the incident, noted that the corpse would be taken to the mortuary if nobody came for it.