

# Xmas accidents claim 10 okada riders

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**A**t least 10 okada riders were crushed to death in road accidents at different locations in the Lagos metropolis last week, four of them on Christmas Eve. Information from the Lagos State Police Command headquarters on Saturday, said a commercial bus with registration No. XH 691 JJJ, ran over one Paul Oyingbo.

He was said to be a resident of Olabinjo Street, Iba New Site, Ojo.

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whose propelling force is the desire for political office," he said.

Admitting that only a few men were involved in such activities, the chartered accountant said women must learn to support one another so that "they can seek the support of men."

In her remarks on the occasion, the President of the club, Mrs. Iyabode Yahaya, said the organisation launched a N10m appeal fund to enable the club reinvigorate its developmental projects.

She explained that the aim of the organisation was based on the principle that, "When you train a woman, you have trained a nation."

Mangoro Bus Stop, on the Lagos - Abeokuta Expressway.

Similarly, a Toyota Camion car with registration number KY 130 AAA knocked down a yet-to-be-identified motorcyclist at U' Turn Bus Stop, Abule-Egba on the same expressway, on December 24.

In yet another accident, a commercial bus with registration No. XC 830 NNE, claimed the life of one Mr. Okwazu at the Festac First Gate, on Badagry Expressway on Christmas Eve.

Also, a commercial Nissan bus with registration No. XX 598 ABC crushed a certain Dubiri John of Alase Agbara, and three pillion passengers at Ajibade, on the same Badagry Expressway on December 23, 2007.

The police said two of such accidents were reported on December 27, 2007, one of which involved one Mr. Sylvester Okonje of Lawanson, Surulere.

He was said to have died on the spot when his motorcycle was hit by a commercial Volkswagen bus with registration XL 733 EST about 8 am.

One Mr. Abubakar Mohammed of Ikeja was also hit by a tanker truck.

The vehicle crushed him

on his commercial motorcycle along Mobolaji Bank, Anthony Way, Ikeja.

The police said most of the victims died at the accident scenes while the rest gave up the ghost shortly after being admitted at different hospitals.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command, Frank Mba, confirmed the incidents to our correspondent on Saturday.

He blamed most of the accidents on the recklessness of motorcycle riders, while a few cases were as a result of indiscipline among some other road users, especially the commercial bus drivers.

He said the police had done a lot to ensure sanity on the roads by enforcing traffic laws and carrying out enlightenment programmes.

He recalled that the Lagos State Police Commissioner, Mohammed Abubakar, called a meeting of all stakeholders, including the Lagos State Transport Management Authority recently towards tackling the problem.

"Lagosians should know that they have the right to check whoever comes them on motorcycles against recklessness. They should also report every stubborn reckless riders to the police," Mba said.