

Three die in two accidents in Edo

THREE people died in two separate accidents on Monday near Benin, the Edo State capital.

One of the accidents, involving two trailers and some buses, occurred at a bad spot at the Ogbemudia Farms section of the Benin-Lagos Expressway. The other happened along the Benin bypass.

In the first accident, a bus coming from Lagos overtook a trailer carrying containers and was trying to slow down at the bad spot when the trailer, which apparently had a brake failure, brushed past it and damaged its side door.

The driver of the bus was said to have confronted the driver of the trailer, who he said, must pay for the damage.

While the argument went on, other bus drivers stopped to express solidarity with their colleague.

Suddenly, a Mack trailer carrying cement, lost control at the bad spot and cleared the buses and the passengers gathered there.

Two young men died instantly after being hit by the trailer.

The driver of the trailer and his assistant were rescued and taken to hospital after the accident.