

Two die in accident as BRT commuters protest fare hike

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TWO people died on Tuesday in a Lagos multiple-accident, which sparked off a riot that led to the burning of a state-owned mass transit vehicle, a Lagbus Investment bus.

The incident occurred on Eko Bridge, just as some commuters protested the

alleged 100 per cent hike in the Bus Rapid Transit fare, which compelled the authorities to order an immediate reversal to the former rate.

Apart from the Lagbus bus, two other vehicles involved in the accident, which occurred at 8am, were a private mini-bus with registration number DS 928 LSR and a new car with registration number 842 KSF.

According to Mr. Sina

Thorpe of the state's Ministry of Transportation, the mini bus, which was coming from the Lagos Island at top speed, was trying to overtake the Lagbus bus before running into the road median at the descent to Costain.

He said in a statement that the car, "while trying to avoid the stationary mini bus, somersaulted and hit the Lagbus bus resulting in the

death of the two occupants of the car."

Narrating how the mass transit bus was set on fire, Thorpe said that another driver of a mini bus who was coming from the opposite direction, had stopped his vehicle, "instigated some transport workers stationed at Costain area to beat up the driver of the bus and provided them with petrol to set the Lagbus bus ablaze."