

Bus rams into pupils, kills two

TWO pupils of the Army Command Primary School died on the spot when a commercial bus lost control and rammed into a group of pupils waiting to cross the ever-busy Iwo Road, Ibadan, on Wednesday.

Six others were injured in the accident, which occurred around 7.30am at a spot adjacent to the secretariat of Ibadan North East Local Government Council.

Four people were also seriously injured in a separate accident that occurred at Olounde village on the new Eruwa Road, Ibadan, when a Mercedes Benz car and a Mazda had a head-on collision.

The Police Public Relations Officer at the Oyo State Command, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, who confirmed the Iwo Road accident, said four residents of the area were arrested for setting the bus ablaze.

She said the driver of the bus was also arrested for the

reckless driving that resulted in the death of Mayokun Olapade and Kehinde Ajayi, both aged seven years.

Witnesses said that the commercial bus, with registration number OY 6556 BJ, had lost control due to over-speeding.

Angered by the gory sight of the dead pupils and the injured, residents mobilised and set the bus ablaze, while

the injured pupils were taken to a nearby hospital.

The driver of the bus and his conductor, who fled the scene immediately after the accident, were later apprehended by the police.

A 65-year-old man, Mr. Yekini Omonigbehin, said that the accident at Olounde occurred when the Mazda car, with registration number Oyo AH 458 AME left his lane and

collided with the Mercedes Benz marked Abuja AX 445 ABJ car.

The driver of the Mazda car was said to have lost control due to break failure and swerved into the on-coming vehicle.

Omonigbehin appealed to relevant agencies to remove the wreckage of the cars from the spot to avert another disaster.

Court fixes June 30 for ruling on Fayose's

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THE Federal High Court in Lagos will on June 30 rule on whether it will quash the money laundering charge preferred against the former governor of Ekiti State, Mr Ayo Fayose.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission is prosecuting Fayose on a 51-count charge that bordered on alleged money laundering of over N1.4bn of the state funds.

The EFCC also alleged that the ex governor collaborated with Biological Concepts Ltd to

divert the state funds through Integrated Poultry Project Scheme.

The lawyer to Fayose, Mr Ahmed Tarfa, had on June 3 urged the court to quash the charge on the grounds that the alleged offence was inchoate and could not be sustained.

He argued that most of the prosecution witnesses' statements on oath as contained in the proof of evidence did not link the accused with the crime.

At the resumed hearing of the matter, the lawyer to the EFCC, Mr Wahab Shittu, told Justice Tijani Abubakar that he

was opposed to the application.

"The accused has been indicted and the only way to clarify this indictment is for him to stand trial," he said.

He argued that it was only the FHC that has the jurisdiction to hear the matter and consider if there was a breach of contractual procedure.

"The court has to consider whether or not due process was followed in awarding the contract to Biological Concepts Ltd,

"Whether or not Mr Gbenga