

Two killed, one injured in Lagos

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auto crash

AT least two people lost their lives while one sustained fatal injuries on Saturday morning after a truck carrying a container, skidded off the expressway, ramming into the Onipanu beautification garden on Ikorodu road.

SUNDAY PUNCH learnt that the red truck with plate number, Oyo XA425-BDJ, was overspeeding around midnight when the driver suddenly lost control.

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Salisu said, "I was praying at night when I saw the truck moving

fast towards the garden. I don't know if he slept off but he was driving recklessly.

"Within the twinkle of an eye, the vehicle rammed into the railings and broke into the garden before falling into the gutter."

The accident caused heavy vehicular traffic as the scene which was littered with blood, drew the attention of bystanders and motorists who gathered around to see the extent of the damage.

An official of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority told our correspondent that the accident was the third of

such in three days.

He said "Whenever the road is free, especially at night, these large vehicles speed as if they own the road.

"It's worse at night because it takes time before anyone can rescue accident victims. I hope motorists learn from this accident that one needs to be very careful even when the road is free.

"We (LASTMA) have been here since 5am along with Lagos State Emergency Management Agency and we were able to rescue one person who sustained serious injuries. However, the driver and another passenger were not as lucky as they died."