

Truck kills one, injures two in Lagos

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A trailer carrying a 40-foot container rammed into a commercial bus at the Ikeja end of the Lagos/Abeokuta Expressway on Friday, killing one person and leaving two others badly injured.

The heavy duty truck, which was heading towards the Oshodi area, was said to have crashed into the bus at the other end of the road after its driver lost control of the vehicle. The tragedy caused heavy traffic in the area, forcing many pedestrians to trek to their destinations.

The police spokesperson in Lagos State, Mr. Kenneth Nwosu, while confirming the incident to our correspondent, said it was a fatal scene and that the injured were in stable conditions.

He said, "It was a very fatal accident in which one person died and two others seriously injured. Those injured are getting medical attention at the hospital. As we speak, I

can confirm to you that the driver of the truck has been arrested and in our custody."

The Public Relations Officer of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority, Mrs. Bola Ajao,

told *Saturday PUNCH* that the trailer marked LSR740XG was driving in the same direction with the commercial bus with number plate LSR525XF when the tragedy took place.

NDLEA seizes drugs worth N542bn in 2014 –Giade

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The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency said it seized narcotics and destroyed cannabis farms worth N542bn in 2014.

The Chairman and Chief Executive of the agency, Ahmadu Giade, who gave the figure on Friday in Abuja at the celebration of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, added that 12,304 persons were arrested and questioned in connection to hard drugs in the past 17 months.

Within the same period, 2,800 persons had been convicted in court for drug offences, he explained, noting

that 2,054 were convicted in 2014 while 783 persons were convicted between January and May, 2015.

The NDLEA boss noted that the country had peaceful general elections earlier this year because his agency stopped enormous quantity of hard drugs from entering into the society.

He explained that if that amount of drugs had got into the system, the elections would have been violent.

Giade said, "This huge amount is mind blowing and has the capacity to derail the most credible election. Such proceeds could be used to either subvert the wishes of the electorates or instigate upheavals. We shall continue to incapacitate and dislodge drug cartels."