

# Pregnant woman dies, daughter injured in car crash

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Tragedy struck on Sunday on the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway after a pregnant woman died in a car accident which happened at the Ikeja Along bus stop.

The deceased's husband, identified as Femi Ajayi, and their five-year-old daughter, Darasimi Ajayi, were said to have sustained injuries in the crash which occurred around 10pm.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that Femi was in a Nissan Pathfinder with his family inward Oshodi when a CRV car rammed into his vehicle and made him lose control.

While the driver of the CRV sped off, the family's car was said to have skidded off the road and rammed into a 48-seater *Tata* bus on the other side of the road.

Our correspondent learnt that the pregnant woman, whose name had yet to be ascertained, died on the

spot and her corpse was taken to the morgue in the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja.

An eyewitness, Yusuf Tihamiyu, said the accident was caused by the CRV driver, whom he said was driving on top speed. Tihamiyu, who is a commercial driver, added that people were reluctant to assist the victims for fear of being implicated by the police.

He said, "The CRV driver was speeding. He did not stop after hitting the jeep, which lost control and somersaulted to the other side of the road where a *Tata* bus was. The whole thing happened very fast and the woman died instantly.

"Everybody was afraid to assist them until emergency agencies came. What really pained me is the death of the woman because she was pregnant."

Another eyewitness, Olaitan Aderemi, said the woman hit her head against the dashboard adding that her husband and the daughter escaped with minor injuries.

"The woman was sitting on the front seat while the child was at the back. I have a feeling that she did not use the seat belt because she hit her head against the dashboard. Her daughter and husband only sustained minor injuries," he said.

The General Manager, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Mr. Michael Akindele, said policemen from the state traffic division and officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps also responded to the incident.

Akindele said, "An alert was received by the agency at about 10.30pm that a Nissan Pathfinder with number plate, KSF 876 DQ, skidded off its normal route and collided with a Tata bus marked, Lagos AKD 21 XC, on the other side of the road.

"Unfortunately a young woman died instantly while the husband and their five-year-old girl survived with minor injuries and were moved to LASUTH for treatment."

The FRSC Ikeja Unit Commander, Mr. Wale Odekunle, equally confirmed the incident saying "the pregnant woman died instantly."

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