

# Four die, three injured in Lagos-Ibadan Expressway auto crash

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**F**our persons reportedly died in a lone accident involving a DAF truck which occurred

on Friday opposite Romania Trailer Park along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

This sad incident came less than 72 hours after no fewer than nine persons lost their lives at Asese end of the road when a luxury bus rammed into a stationary truck.

In the latest accident, our correspondent gathered that the truck with the registration number - DAL 599 XY- was loaded with bags of beans and onions.

It was on its way to Lagos from the northern part of the country when the accident occurred around 6.15am.

The Public Relations Officer, Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, blamed the accident on speeding, saying the driver lost control of the vehicle.

The vehicle somersaulted and threw the passengers and goods in it out.

Akinbiyi said about 10 people were involved in the accident which left four dead and three injured.

He said the Hausa community at the scene of the accident had evacuated the corpses of the four victims for burial.

He reported that the three injured victims had been taken to a hospital at Ogere Trailer Park for treatment.

He said, "The accident occurred opposite Romania Trailer park mostly occupied by Hausa community and they were the first respondents. They have evacuated those presumed dead and the injured victims

had been taken to the hospital before our arrival.

"They insisted they would take

the presumed dead away and they prevented our personnel from taking pictures."

## Police killed five de

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**T**he alleged billionaire kidnap kingpin, Chukwudumeme Onwuamadike, alias Evans, on Friday described before a Lagos State High Court how the police allegedly killed five detainees in his presence at a place he called "Inspector General Guest House" in Lagos.

He added that the Special Anti-Robbery Squad boasted before him that they had killed over 30 suspects.

He claimed that policemen made him witness the executions to make him to admit to criminal allegations against him.

Evans and his accomplices, Uche Amadi, Okwuchukwu Nwachukwu, Chilaka Ifeanyi,

Victor Aduba and one female, Ogechi Uchechukwu, are standing trial on amendment charges bordering on conspiracy and kidnapping, pressed against them by the state.

Evans, while being led in evidence on Friday by his counsel, Olarenwaju Ajanaku, said the police tortured him during investigation.

He said, "At the backyard of the guesthouse, I saw some people that I was paraded with. They put chains on their legs. Some of them had bullet wounds on their legs and Mr. Phillip (a police officer) ordered Idowu Haruna to bring a big brown sellotape, handkerchief and polythene bags.

"Idowu Haruna forced a handkerchief into the mouth of one of them. He used the

## FG seeks Europe, America's support in recharge

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**P**resident Muhammadu Buhari on Friday said the greatest investment Europe and America could make in Africa now was to help the continent to accomplish inter-basin water transfer to recharge the Lake Chad.

According to a statement by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Mr. Femi Adesina, the President spoke while receiving the Chairman of the African Union Commission, Mr. Moussa Mahamat, at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

Buhari noted that Lake

Chad, which provided a means of livelihood to millions of people in four countries - Chad, Cameroon, Niger and Nigeria - had now been reduced to 10 per cent of its original size due to the impact of climate change.

He said, "People who depended on the Lake for fishing, farming, animal husbandry, and many others have been thrown into dire straits.

"That is one of the reasons youths now dare the Sahara Desert and the Mediterranean Sea to seek greener pastures in Europe. But helping to recharge the Lake Chad will help a great deal in curbing irregular migration."