

# Motorist killed, two injured as truck, bus collide in Lagos

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Scene of the train, truck crash

- Tricyclist escapes death in train, truck crash
- Passengers flee as fire guts BRT bus in Lagos

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A yet-to-be-identified motorist has lost his life in an accident at the Oniwaya Junction on Capitol Road, in the Agege area of Lagos State.

Two other persons were said to have suffered varying degrees of injury when tragedy struck around 2am on Monday.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that a truck driver was conveying goods to a destination in the state when he rammed into a commercial bus.

The Director-General of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Dr Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, said the accident was caused by reckless driving.

He said, “Upon arrival at the scene, it was discovered that the accident involved a truck fully loaded with goods and a commercial bus.

“Further information gathered from police officers at the incident scene revealed that one adult male lost his life and two adult males sustained injuries.”

In a related incident, a commercial tricycle rider escaped death by a whisker after a train and a truck had a collision at the Jonathan Coker Level Crossing in the Iju-Ishaga area of Lagos State.

It was gathered that the accident occurred around 6.30am on Monday when the truck, which was conveying animal feed, crossed the rail track while the train was approaching.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the truck drove against traffic after vehicles had been stopped for the train to pass.

Our correspondents were told that the tricycle rider had just left his vehicle when the truck fell on it after ramming into the train.

The acting Coordinator of the Lagos Territorial Office of the National Emergency Management Agency, Ibrahim Farinloye, who confirmed the incident, said there was no loss of life or injury.

In another development, there was panic in the Idiroko area of Lagos when a Bus Rapid Transit vehicle was gutted by fire around 10am on Monday.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the bus was conveying passengers from Owode to their destinations in the Lagos Island area when the fire started from the engine compartment.

While passengers scampered for safety, the busman, including passersby and motorists, reportedly brought out a fire extinguisher to put out the fire, which became uncontrollable and razed the bus.

The Head, Corporate Communications, Primero Transport Services Limited, Mutiu Yekeen, said no life was lost to the incident, adding that the company had commenced investigation to ascertain the cause of the incident.