

Bus crashes into Lagos shops, kills mother, daughter

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A yet-to-be-identified woman was crushed to death alongside her two-year-old daughter in the Ikotun area of Lagos on Thursday.

PUNCH Metro reports that another trader was injured as a bus rammed into some shops along the roadside opposite Toluwalase Hall, Governor's Road, Ikotun.

An eyewitness, who gave his name as Tayo, said the bus driver fled when he was almost lynched by passersby who gathered at the scene of the accident.

"It is a Hummer Bus, it probably lost its brake. It rammed into the shops and cleared about five shops. A woman and her daughter were crushed and confirmed dead when rushed to the hospital," Tayo said.

Another source said the woman was killed while trying to save her child.

"She was rushing to go and save her daughter but unfortunately, the bus crushed the two of them. The driver ran away when people descended on him," the source said.

Our correspondents who visited the scene saw the bus stuck around a gutter beside the road, crossing the gutter.

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The Divisional Police Officer at Ikotun, Adagba Johnson, confirmed the incident to *PUNCH Metro*.

"I'm aware, our men are there," he said.

Meanwhile, another source told our correspondent that the police went after the reportedly fleeing driver.

“I think the driver is inside the police van,” the source said as a police van sped past the scene.

The Lagos Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Babatunde Farinloye, also confirmed the incident, saying, “My men are there, they are aware, I will give more details.”

Our correspondents were yet to get further updates as of the time of filing this report.