

2 Killed In Auto Crash

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Two persons were reportedly killed this morning and 16 persons seriously wounded when a white Toyota Hiace interstate bus rammed into a stationary container-carrying truck at Onipanu along Ikorodu Road.

The injured persons were quickly rushed to the nearby Orthopaedic hospital, Igbobi.

P.M. News investigations revealed that the accident occurred at about 5.30 a.m when the bus with registration number XA 669 SHA rammed into the stationary truck with

registration number XA 949 KTU which had broken down on the road yesterday afternoon.

There was crying and wailing inside the bus as the 16 trapped passengers struggled to get out of the bus. They were later assisted by sympathisers who helped them out of the bus.

Passers-by and traders at Onipanu blamed *area boys* for the accident.

They explained that the truck carrying the container would have been towed away yesterday evening by traffic officials, but the *area boys* insisted on collecting N50,000

from the truck driver before it could be towed.

They were said to have threatened to beat the Lagos State Traffic Management Agency (LASTMA) officials if they removed the truck without meeting their demand.

As at the time of filing this report, LASTMA officials and policemen from Shomolu police division were seen trying to remove the corpses at the scene of the accident, while traffic officials were trying to ensure the smooth movement of traffic which was paralysed as a result of the accident.