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# Three Friends Die In Auto Crash

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A ghastly motor accident which occurred at midnight, on Monday, at the Seven-Up Roundabout axis of the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, has claimed the lives of three friends identified as Segun Kamoju, Rafiu Elele and Shola.

Speaking with P.M.NEWS, one of the two survivors, Segun Olajide, a.k.a. Skippo, said they went to the (wedding introduction) party of Mr. El-Lateef Odofin, a popular land speculator in Ajah and after the party, the celebrant, a multi-millionaire, brought out some of his luxury cars to take all the guests back to their various homes.

"My friends and I came together. I actually invited them to the party, and just before we left the party, we ate eba (garri) from the same bowl. When Odofin brought out five cars to transport some of this guests home, we took the last one which is a MBW X5 SUV and Yemi, a younger brother to Odofin's wife, who also survived the accident, drove the car.

"Yemi was actually driving at a high speed when in an attempt to overtake a Prado Jeep, he lost control and the front left tyre came off and the car somersaulted several times before landing on the road again," he said. He added that: "When I looked back, I noticed my friends at the back seat were dead. Yomi and I were rescued by some symphathisers."

When officials of LASAMBUS arrived at the scene of the accident later, they took both of them to LASUTH, while the three dead bodies were taken to the Isolo General Hospital mortuary. When P.M.NEWS visited the home of one of the victims, Segun Kamoju, a graduate of Lagos State University, it was gathered that he finished his National Youth Service programme about six months ago in Nassarawa, and was still seeking employment.

According to his younger brother, Ayinde: "It's a very sad tale because our mom has been asking for him and I find it difficult to tell her he's dead. "She has been running up and down so that he could get a very good job and now that this has happened, telling her would be a

"So, for now, we are not going to tell her anything. We were at the mortuary yesterday, to collect his corpse so that we can bury him, but the authorities there refused to release the body pending police investigation into what led to the accident," he said. At the home of Rafiu Elele, in Ebute-Metta, another victim, the family members were seen mourning the

loss of a man described as a successful panel beater and bread winner of the family, who, according to his brother, Jide, would be terribly missed, especially by his parents, because, he took good care of them.

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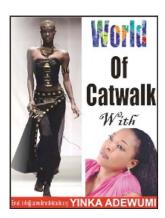
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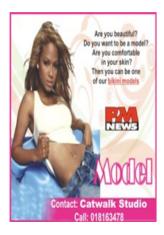
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