

One Die, Others Injured In Auto Crash

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Barely a week after three pupils of Cornerstone Bright School lost their lives in an auto crash along Ibeju-Lekki Expressway, Eti Osa, Lagos, another tragedy occurred at the same axis at the weekend when one unidentified woman reportedly lost her life, while scores of others sustained various degree of injuries with some falling unconscious when an 18-seater Mazda bus with registration number XN 475 AGL and full load of passengers going to Ibadan from Ajah, ran into a stationary Kia truck with registration number DN 588 LND.

The accident occurred at Kajola Village in Ibeju-Lekki area of Eti Osa, Lagos.

The cause of the accident could not be ascertained, but eyewitnesses told *P.M.NEWS* that the unidentified Kia truck driver caused the accident as he was said to have parked his vehicle on the road without regard to other road users, before the Mazda bus driver, who was also said to be speeding and could not control his vehicle, ran into it from the rear.

The impact of the crash forced the Mazda bus to plunge into the bush, while the Kia truck was flunged to the major

road.

When *P.M.NEWS* visited the scene, an eyewitness said a woman who died in the accident had been taken to the mortuary by a good Samaritan, while some of those who sustained injuries, including men, women and children as well as a pregnant albino, were seen inside the bush and along the road wailing for help which never came until an ambulance, policemen and road safety corp members arrived the scene 30 minutes later.

The unidentified driver of the Mazda bus was also seen being pulled out of the mangled vehicle by sympathisers with his two legs already broken, while the unidentified driver of the Kia truck was said to have taken to his heels immediately the accident, which caused heavy traffic on the ever busy expressway.

An eyewitness who identified himself as John Okafor, told *P.M.NEWS* that not until the Lagos State construct speedbreakers at the Sangotedo axis of Ibeju-Lekki Expressway, motorists would continue to kill innocent people as a result of over speeding, because, according to him, the Federal Road Safety Corps who are supposed to be patrolling the highway to slow down the speed of vehicles have abandoned their duty.