

BRT bus kills soldier in Lagos

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A yet-to-be identified soldier was yesterday killed by the Lagos Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) at the Alaka-Costain area of Surulere in Lagos, leaving the deceased's passenger critically injured.

It was gathered that the deceased who was riding a commercial motorcyclist with a female passenger, was caught between the BRT bus identified as "LAGBUS" and the railings of the bridge.

Witnesses said the driver of the bus allegedly lost control and hit the soldier and his passenger.

It was gathered that the driver who was on top speed, had lost control of his vehicle at a bad spot on the bridge where there were potholes in one of the suspension gaps on the bridge.

Daily Sun learnt that the driver saw the spot suddenly and in an attempt to swerve, he crushed the soldier to the kerb, dragging his body on the ground till the bus stopped.

Sensing danger, the driver was said to have immediately fled the scene of the incident abandoning the bus and its passengers.

When contacted, the Deputy Director of Army Public Relations, 81 Division Army Headquarters, Colonel Kingsley Umoh, confirmed the incident.

When informed that soldiers from the Abalti and Signal Corps Barracks at Apapa and Ojuelegba respectively were gearing to retaliate the death of their colleague, Umoh debunked such claims.