

3-year-old dies as bus plunges into Lagos carnal

By **Christopher Oji**

A three-year-old child died, yesterday, when an 18-seater bus plunged into a carnal at the Oworonshoki area of Lagos.

Seventeen people were rescued from the ill-fated bus, except the child who died before help could come.

Sources said only a child lost his life, while about five people were injured. It was gathered that the passengers were on a visit to the Palace of the traditional ruler of Oworonshoki when the bus plunged into the carnal.

Witnesses said the driver of the bus might have fallen asleep before losing control

and the bus plunged into the carnal. Passersby and residents of the area were able to rescue the trapped passengers, except the child who lost consciousness and died before he arrived at the hospital.

A senior Road Safety Official told Daily Sun that there was no official report about the accident, but that the

Corps saw the accident in a viral video on the social media, "but what we don't know is whether it is the truth or not. None of our men can confirm if there was an accident or not.

"Last Wednesday, we heard of such a thing and we investigated and there was no accident.

"We have contacted the Divisional Police Officers in that axis and none of them has responded. We have also sent out men to the said scene, but they are yet to communicate."

Efforts to speak with Lagos State Police Public Relations

Officer (PPRO), CSP Adekunle Ajisebutu, proved abortive as he failed to pick his calls.

However, South West Coordinator, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Ibrahim Familoje, confirmed that a child died in the accident, while 17 others were rescued.

He said that NEMA officials were contacted when the accident occurred, but while on their way, they were told that the community had already rescued the victims, except a child who died in the accident.

Yahoo boy kills girlfriend for rituals in Edo

From **Tony Osauzo**, Benin

A Yahoo boy, simply identified as Osas, has reportedly killed his girlfriend for suspected ritual purposes in Benin.

The suspect, now on the run, was said to have killed his girlfriend, Elohor Oniorosa, on Christmas eve, in Egor Local Government Area, an outskirts of Benin metropolis, where he hails from.

Spokesman of the Edo State Police Command, SP Bello Kontongs, said in a statement that the father of the de-

ceased, William Oniorosa, reported the case to the police and investigation was already on to arrest the suspect.

"The suspect's name is Osas and his surname is unknown, but he is a boyfriend of Elohor Oniorosa, daughter of one William Oniorosa, who also reported the incident to the police.

"Investigation is on while the suspect is on the run. The incident happened on 24/12/2021," Kontongs added.

It was learnt that the suspected Yahoo boy ritualist recently returned from Ghana

a week ago and allegedly slaughtered his girlfriend in Benin.

Group prays for safe release of abducted Plateau

From **Gyang Bere**, Jos

PRESIDENT, Gindiri Old Students Association (GOSA) and Head of Civil Service, Plateau State, Engr Sunday Hyat, has called for fervent prayer for the safe release of His Royal Highness, Charles Mato Dakat, from the den of kidnappers.

The traditional ruler was kidnapped in the early hours

of last Sunday by gunmen after a heavy gunfire to scare the villagers.

Hyat, in a press statement signed by the association's Public Relations Officer (PRO), Yakubu Taddy, prayed that the abductors reconsider their stand and release the monarch immediately.

"The Gindiri Old Students Association (GOSA) received with shock and sadness the

kidnap of the paramount ruler of Gindiri and one of its very active members, His Royal Highness, Charles Mato Dakat, in the early hours of Sunday, December 26, 2021," the statement read.

Hyat said since becoming the Sum Pyem, Charles Mato Dakat has become a rallying point for unity and progress of not only Pyem people, but Mangu Local Government and the country at large.