

1 killed, others injured as 40ft container fall on three vehicles

By **Christopher Oji**

ONE person was killed and others injured after a truck laden with two 20feet containers fell on three vehicles at Cele bus-stop on the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway, Lagos, yesterday. The deceased, who was driving a commercial bus with plate number AKD 489 XZ died before help could come.

There were different accounts as to how tragedy struck. A version said that the driver of the commercial bus, identified simply as Ambrose, was driving against traffic when he collided with the truck that was coming from the opposite direction.

Another version said the truck, which was heading inward Mile 2, had a brake failure. In the driver's bid to use the median as a wedge, the truck reportedly rammed into the commercial bus, which spined and faced the opposite direction.

But occupants of the two other vehicles : a Toyota Rav 4 with plate number AAA 353 FH and a Highlander SUV with plate number AGL 366 FP, escaped death by the whisks.

A passenger, who narrowly escaped from the commercial bus narrated the incident, thus: "I can't tell how it

happened. I was reading my WhatsApp chats when I heard a noise from outside. By the time I raised my head, passengers were jumping out of the vehicle. I also realised that the commercial bus had been pinned to the median. I can't tell how I managed to jump

out through the passenger's window.

"All I remembered was the driver telling me to move immediately, so he could come out through my side. By the time I came out, the container had landed.

"I was blank for some-

time..." But the conversation was interrupted by a woman who screamed " ah, baba Wasiu, ewa ninu moto yi" (Baba Wasiu, so you were in the vehicle?)

The woman later introduced herself as his colleague. She instructed him not to

speak again and walked him to the other side of the road where they entered a motorbike heading towards Mile 2.

Sympathisers immediately took over the expressway, preventing vehicles from moving towards the scene.

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4 die on Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway

FOUR people died yesterday, while nine others sustained injuries in an accident involving a Mazda bus and an unregistered truck at Obada Oko, on the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway.

The Public Education Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ogun State, Mrs Florence Okpe, confirmed the accident to newsmen in Abeokuta, yesterday.

Okpe explained that 14 people were involved in the accident, comprising nine male adults and five female adults. She said nine people sustained injuries: four male adults and five female adults.

A total of four people were recorded dead, all male adults. She said the two vehicles involved in the accident were a Mazda bus with registration number KRD831YD and an unregistered truck.

She stated further that the

accident was caused by route violation by the unregistered truck, which collided with the bus and, unfortunately, the driver refused to stop.

The FRSC spokesperson added that the injured victims were taken to the Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta,

State General Hospital, Ijaye, Abeokuta, and Aries Medicare Hospital, Obada town for medical attention. She further explained that the deceased had been taken a by their family members.

Meanwhile, the FRSC Sec-

tor Commander in the state, Ahmed Umar, has advised motorists to always obey traffic rules and regulations. He reiterated the roles of passengers in cautioning drivers and, also, using the toll free number 122 to report any reckless driving.

Lagos-Ibadan Expressway: Police nab 10 suspected kidnappers

From **Oluseye Ojo**, Ibadan

NEMESIS has caught up with 10 suspected kidnappers who have been terrorising the popular Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, as they were apprehended by the men of Oyo State Police Command with the support of other security agencies, including Amotekun Corps.

The suspects, according to the police, were responsible

for the abduction of a former deputy vice chancellor, University of Ibadan, Prof Adigun Agbaje, who was kidnapped at the Onigaari axis of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, around 6pm on October 28, 2022. A ransom of N10 million was said to have been collected before he was released. But he sustained a gunshot injury on his head.

The suspects' names were given as Mohammed Salfa, 20; Usman Hassan, 22, fondly called Yellow; Mo-

ammed Bello, 28; Babangida Buhari Awalu, 34; Kabiru Aliyu, 25, fondly called Dangata; Mikailu Yahaya, 25 and Muhammadu Umoru, 30. Others are Ayanwola Samson Gbenga, 22; Adewuyin Adewumi Sunday, 34 and Rafiu Abdulmajeed, 40.

The Commissioner of Police, Oyo State, Adebowale Williams, who paraded the suspects before journalists at Eleyele, Ibadan, yesterday, revealed that exhibits recovered from the suspects include cash of N7.5 million, four AK-47 rifles, 75 AK 17