

Accident claims two Customs officers



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Two officials of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) lost their lives in an accident on the Lagos- Badagry Expressway on Saturday. It was learnt that the two officers, who were in a Toyota Camry with registration number, YLA 121 BJ, were at their duty post when they were crushed by the driver of a Toyota Avalon marked YAB 366 JY. While the two officers, who were attached to the Seme Border Command, died on the spot, the driver was said to be unconscious at the Intensive Care Unit of the Badagry General Hospital. It was also learnt that officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), led by the Badagry Unit Commander, Fatai Bakare, deposited the remains of the deceased in a morgue. Bakare said the accident was caused by over-speeding, adding that the driver of the Avalon car crashed into the vehicle of the Customs officers.

He said: "The accident occurred about 8a.m. on Saturday. The Customs officers were inside their vehicle at one of the checkpoints on the Lagos-Seme Road. The driver of the Avalon car identified as George was on top speed when he crashed into the Customs officers. He veered off the road and rammed into them.

“The two Customs officers were said to have died on the spot, while the man responsible for the accident is in coma. One other person was also seriously injured and has been hospitalised.” The NCS Public Relations Officer (PRO), Seme Command, Saidu Abdulahi, confirmed the incident and identified the deceased as Usman and Kabiru.

He said: “On Saturday, July 14, I received reports of an incident involving officers of Seme Area Command at Gbaji checkpoint. Usman and Kabiru were involved in a motor accident which resulted in their death; the driver of the other vehicle, who is identified as George, is currently on admission at the General Hospital. May the souls of the departed rest in peace.”