

It was learnt that the gunmen trailed the robbers.

## Bus driver kills one, injures another in Port Harcourt



The scene of the crash

**Emmanuel Masha**  
PORT HARCOURT

**A** commercial bus driver yesterday rammed into two wheelbarrow pushers, killed one of them instantly and inflicted life-threatening injury on the other.

The accident occurred at Mile 1, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Immediately after the accident, the driver alighted from the bus, with registration number DS531 APP, and fled, while sympathisers attended to the injured victim.

The driver, according to a witness, had picked some passengers from Lagos bus stop and headed for Rumuokoro, dived into the median where the victims, said to be indigenes of Akwa Ibom State, positioned their wheelbarrows waiting for customers.

Angry wheelbarrow pushers and some trad-

ers around the scene of the accident, who knew the victims, threatened to go in search of the driver, before officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) evacuated the victim's body.

A witness, Lucky Dike, claimed that the driver

was high on either drugs or alcohol, judging from the way the bus suddenly veered off its lane.

He said: "The driver could have been high on something, most of them are. He was speeding recklessly and they usually do as they contest for passengers in the morning. It was about 8a.m.

"He overtook a vehicle at the busy Mile 1 Market area. Suddenly he lost control, swerved the bus to the median and hit a streetlight pole on which the two wheelbarrow pushers were leaning. One died on the spot. It is doubtful if the one rushed to the hospital would make it."

## Police nab suspected kidnapper in Niger

**Dan Atori**  
MINNA

**P**olice have arrested a 27-year-old man, Mamuda Ibrahim, believed to be a member of a six-man gang of kidnappers terrorising Angwan Kawo Erena in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State.

Police detectives attached to the Erena Division trailed and apprehended the suspect.

It was learnt that the gang abducted a man, Mande Yalo, and demanded N6 million before he could be released.

The victim's family could not raise the ransom. But after six days he was reportedly released without ransom.

Ibrahim told our correspondent that he was aware of the gunmen had been making life unbearable for the residents of that community.

He said: "I know that they have been terrorising the Angwan Kawo Erena in Shiroro for some time. But honestly, I don't know where they are at this moment, so I can't give account of their whereabouts."

Ibrahim confessed that it was the work of the devil and regretted associating the kidnappers.

He said: "I pray that police will

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