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**O**ne person has reportedly been killed and three others injured after a truck laden with two 20 feet containers fell on three vehicles at the Cele bus-stop on the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway in Lagos State, yesterday.

Eyewitness at the scene said a commercial bus driver with registration number AKD 489 XZ, died before help could come to the scene of the crash.

There were different accounts as to how the tragedy struck. A version said that the driver of the commercial bus identified simply

# One killed, 3 injured as 40ft container falls on 3 vehicles

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 Two, had a brake failure and the driver in a bid to use the median as a wedge, reportedly rammed into the commercial bus which spin round and faced the opposite direction.

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

A passenger who narrowly escaped from the commercial bus who gave his name as John explained that, "I can't tell how it happened. I was reading my whatsapp chats when I heard 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 come out of the vehicle through the window. All I remember was that the driver was telling me to move immediately so he could come out through my side also. By the time I came out, the container had landed on another vehicle.

"Immediately I came out of the vehicle everything went blank.

But I was later revived by some passersby who rushed some of us to the hospital." It was also gathered that some sympathisers immediately took over the expressway, preventing vehicles from moving towards the accident scene. Thereafter, they contacted the construction workers who were engaged in the ongoing construction of the Apapa/ Oshodi Expressway, to help lift the containers from the commercial bus, in which the driver was still trapped.

A crane was moved to the scene immediately and lifted one of the containers. But it fell immediately on the commercial bus, thereby causing the driver who was earlier seen beckoning for help with his hand, to be motionless.

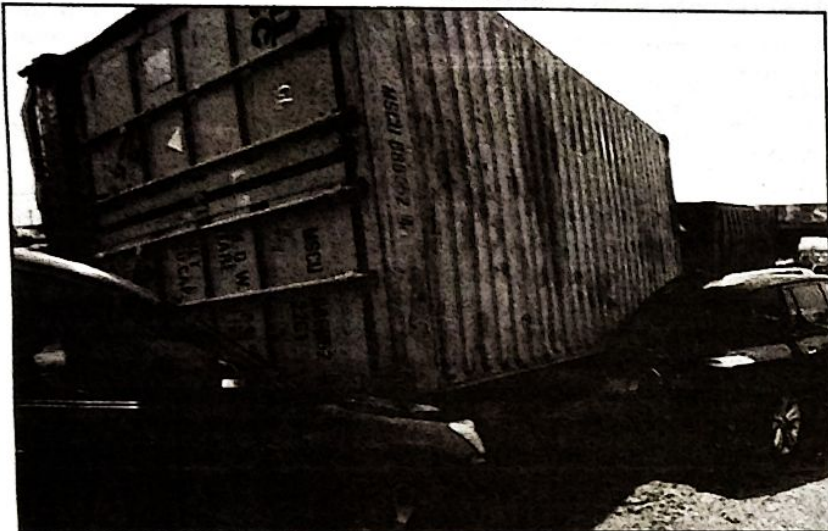
When contacted, the Lagos State police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Benjamin Hundayin said they are going to issue a statement on the incident.

Meanwhile, Operatives of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) in a statement said they rescued passengers inside a commercial bus at the accident scene.

Confirming the incident, Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department LASTMA, Mr. Adebayo Taofiq said the accident which occurred around 1:09pm had the driver of a commercial bus (AKD 489 XZ) die instantly with 2 other private cars involved in the accident (Toyota Highlander AGL 366 FP & Toyota 4Runner AAA 353 FH)

The corpse of the dead commercial bus driver, he said, was immediately handed over to his wife and family members who came to the accident scene.

Taofeek, however said other passengers rescued by LASTMA officials were handed over to Medical personnel who came to the accident scene.



The accident scene

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