

3 Die in Lagos Auto Crash

No fewer than three persons were said to have died yesterday in an auto crash, when the vehicle which they were traveling in sommersaulted at the Adekunle axis of the third mainland bridge, Lagos.

Several persons, including market men and women, also sustained severe injuries in the accident and were admitted in an hospital on the Lagos Island.

The vehicle, a Volkswagen 18 sitter commercial bus, with registration number XB 491 LLD, with full capacity passengers, was said to be on its way to Oshodi from Obalende at about 8.30a.m. when the accident occurred.

An eye witness account has it that the vehicle which was on top speed had a punctured tyre causing it to sommersault before it eventually rested on its side by the side of the bridge.

By Eugene Agha

While two of the deceased were thrown on the hard surface of the bridge, the third person plunged into the lagoon. The two bodies, the witness said, were taken away by policemen from Adeniji Adele police Station and later deposited at the Lagos Island General hospital mortuary.

The body of the third victim was removed from the water by men of the Marine police.

The accident caused a heavy vehicular movement on the bridge, as passersby tried desperately to catch a glimpse of those involved in the accident," the witness added.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Olubode

Ojajuni, who confirmed the incident said the bodies have since been deposited at the Lagos Island Hospital Mortuary.

Ojajuni attributed the accident to recklessness on the part of commercial bus drivers, added that some of the fatal accident were avoidable, only if drivers were conscious of the fact that one can hardly control a vehicle with punctured tire on top speed.

He said the accident occurred around 8a.m., while

Senate to Regulate Gas Sector

By Patricia Ubaka

Chairman of the Senate Committee on Gas, Senator Inatimi Spiff, has expressed regret that despite Nigeria's enormous natural gas, there are no enabling laws to enhance the development of the gas sector.

To redress this, Spiff said the Committee has decided to visit stakeholders in the gas sector, to seek inputs aimed at "coming

out with a law that would make Nigeria derive maximum benefits from its gas resources."

He said this when members of the Committee visited the offices of Elf Petroleum Nigeria Limited, in Port Harcourt, adding that it is in a bid to remedy this defect "that the National

Assembly began to work on the first major bill to regulate operations in the gas sector in Nigeria."

Receiving the Committee,, ELF's Deputy Managing Director (Corporate), Mr Emmanuel Chiejina, briefed the Committee members on the company's activities and its gas production profile.

Chiejina told Senators that the company supplies gas to the