

2 killed in Lagos auto crash

By Evelyn Usman

TWO persons were yesterday feared dead and several others including road side beggars injured, in a motor accident on Kudirat Abiola Way, Ikeja, Lagos.

The accident involving a commercial bus with registration number XK 924 FKJ and a Toyota Camry car with registration number DD 626 SMK happened at about 9a.m. opposite Dunlop bus-stop. The commercial bus was heading to Ikeja from Ojota, when it had a head-on collision with the Camry car that was about to drive into Dunlop Road, consequent upon which the Camry car occupied by the driver only, was flung off balance and landed inside a gutter.

Two passengers in the fully loaded bus, said to have apparently been hit by hard objects in the bus, reportedly gave up the ghost before they could be rushed to the hospital while others who struggled to get out of the bus through various outlets, sustained varying degrees of injuries. About three road side beggars were also said to have been affected.

When *Vanguard* arrived the scene at about 9.35a.m., traffic policemen from Ikeja division and officials of the Lagos State Transport Management Authority (LASTMA), were seen controlling the traffic.

Osoba extols Bajomo

By Kolade Larewaju

ABEOKUTA —FORMER Ogun State Governor, Chief Olu-segun Osoba, yesterday, described the death of Action Congress governorship aspirant, Engineer Olawale Bajomo, as shocking and an irreparable loss to the family in particular and the state in general.

Describing him as loyal, generous and reliable, Chief Osoba said that it was to the credit of the late Bajomo that it was during his tenure as General Manager of the State Water Corporation that the nefarious activities of water tanker owners preventing provision of water was broken in Ijebu-Ode.

He explained that the rural electrification of 150 communities by his administration was also a testimony of late Bajomo's performance as Permanent Secretary, Bureau of Special Duties and Rural Development.

Chief Osoba prayed for the peaceful repose of the soul of the deceased and for fortitude for the family to bear the loss.

Governorship candidate of the party, Otunba Dipo Dina who paid a condolence visit to the family of late Chief Bajomo described him as an honest and trustworthy fellow whose contributions was enormous.

Otunba Dina who was received by the elder brother of the deceased, Chief Kola Bajomo, wife, Patience and the children said that late Engr. Bajomo was very dear to all those who have come in contact with him and that he was a good leader who would sorely be missed in the state.

Luxury bus crushes motorcyclist

Austin Ogwuda

ACARPENTER attached to a construction firm which is presently working on the Asaba Township Stadium was Thursday crushed to death while returning from his Christmas and New Year celebration to his base in Asaba, Delta State capital.

Killed along with him was the commercial motor cycle operator popularly known as *Okada*. Both were crushed on Benin-Asaba highway by the Summit Furniture junction Asaba while trying to cross from the expressway to his residence at Asaba main town.

Eye witness told our reporter that as soon as he (carpenter) simply known as Lucky alighted from the vehicle that brought him from Sapele where he spent the holidays, one of the *okada* operators who mill around the Summit Junction picked him but instead of riding through the normal traffic, he decided to take the short cut by meandering through the pavement that divides the two sides of the highway and as he was about to make a quick dash, a luxury bus on top speed from the East crushed them to death instantly and sped off.