

Two die, several others injured in Lagos auto crash

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LAGOS—AT least two persons lost their lives in an auto crash that occurred yesterday at Maza Maza area of Lagos, while several others sustained varying degree of injuries.

This is just as a middle-aged man was weekend killed at Cele, along the Oshodi-Apapa expressway, by rampaging robbers who were trailing a man with a huge amount of money.

The incident at Maza-Maza occurred at about 8:30 am, after an unidentified driver of a commercial bus which was heading for Okokomaiko, apparently had a break failure. In the driver's bid to control the vehicle which eye witness said was on top speed, it reportedly rammed into unsuspecting commuters and motorcyclists at Maza-Maza bus-stop. A motorcyclist and a bus conductor who was calling out to his passengers reportedly died at the spot while the fate of four others including a primary school pupil who was heading for school were as at time of writing this report un-

known, as they were said to be in critical condition in an undisclosed hospital within the area.

The incident was said to have caused a hitch in traffic flow, before policemen from nearby division came to evacuate the corpses

Meanwhile a 26-year-old commercial bus driver was weekend killed by a robbery gang at Cele along the Oshodi-Apapa expressway. The robbers according to eye witness, were trailing a car dealer said to be in possession of an undisclosed large sum of money which was meant for the purchase of vehicles. The unsuspecting car dealer was said to have boarded the deceased bus from Okota with the robbers trailing behind. On reaching the ever busy Cele bus-stop, the robbers reportedly opened fire, causing panic as people ran in different directions for safety. A bullet from the robbers pierced through the commercial bus driver's head, in which was the robbers target, killing him on the spot.

Eye witness said their target managed to escape the hot zone, as he crossed the express to the other side of the road with the robbers shooting after him. Several persons were reportedly injured as they fled for safety.