

# Lagos auto crash claims one, injures 20 others

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**L**AGOS — AT least one person died and 20 others were wounded last night when a commercial Mercedes Benz Bus popularly known as *Molue*, somersaulted severally along the Mile 2 axis of Oshodi Apapa Expressway.

The *Molue* which was fully loaded was coming from Oshodi and going to Orile-Iganmu area of Lagos State, before it ran into a big ditch at Jakande Bus Stop and somersaulted, leaving the top pressed to the ground. The passengers were trapped for hours, as they were heard screaming for help.

Sympathizers from the ever-busy mile 2 Bus stop and officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission FRSC helped in the rescue of the trapped victims.

A victim, Friday Edem, who was rescued unhurt, told *Vanguard* that the driver of the ill-fated *Molue* was driving recklessly

before he ran into the ditch. "I entered the bus at Oshodi and we were heading to Orile, and while inside the *Molue*, two women were busy fighting and the *Molue* was over loaded as many people were standing and others sitting while the driver could not even see his rear. Because the road was very free he was driving recklessly and when we got to this spot he attempted a dangerous overtake and fell into the pot hole and somersaulted. I thank God I was rescued alive but government has to do something about that bad portion of the road", he added.

Unit Commander of the Apapa Unit R8231, of the FRSC Mr I.O Abioye, who was at the scene said the injured victims were rushed to the Ajeromi General Hospital but they were refused entry due to doctors strike. He added that the victims were later rushed to a private hospital at Orile-Iganmu.