

2 die in Lagos auto crash

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APAPA—TWO persons were feared dead, yesterday, when a commercial bus, commonly called *Danfo*, collided with a fast-moving trailer at the Berger Yard area of Mile 2 on the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway, Lagos, leaving several commuters severely injured.

The *danfo* bus, with number-plate YB 765 EPE, was driving against traffic when the accident occurred.

The impact of the colli-

sion forced the bus to turn 180 degrees, while the trailer sped off after the accident.

Although the front of the commercial bus was seriously affected, the driver and conductor sustained minor injuries.

A victim, who simply gave his name as Okechukwu, was thankful to God, as he watched some of the commuters, lay lifeless while many had their legs smashed, a result of the impact of the accident, which happened at 4:20pm.

Narrating what hap-

pened, Okechukwu said: "I was supposed to sit in the front seat, but the woman there said I was smelling because I just came out from Westminster. I then entered the back of the bus that was going to Oshodi and the driver drove against traffic. As the bus moved, the next thing I heard was 'gbam.' A fast-moving trailer, which was on its right lane, hit us and the force turned the bus round to face where we were coming from."

Another victim, Lola, seen on the ground with

her left knee separated from other parts of her body, called on passers-by for help. Though she could not explain what really happened, she recalled that she was in the bus before the accident.

Another victim, who was identified as Mrs Orungebeja, said she was returning home ~~from~~ in the bus when the driver drove against traffic, facing Oshodi. She noted that the driver was driving into the expressway, before the trailer collided with it and made it to face Apapa.

The driver of the bus, who declined to give his name, claimed that he did not drive against traffic. But when Okechukwu, challenged him to stop telling lies, since he was also inside the bus, the driver walked away into the crowd of on-lookers.

A woman was carried away on a bike, begging for help from passers-by with her leg torn. A kind-spirited *Okada* rider carried her to a nearby hospital for quick attention.

HURILAW, Agbakoba seek inquest on Dana plane crash victims

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LAGOS—HUMAN Rights Law Services, HURILAW and Mr. Olisa Agbakoba, SAN, have asked the Chief Coroner in Lagos, to conduct an inquest into the death of 153 persons, including

Ishaga.

According to them, "Pursuant to S. 15 (1) of the Coroners' System Law 2007 of Lagos State which provides thus: The Coroner shall hold an inquest whenever he is informed that the death of a deceased person lying within his Coroner's Dis-

trict was a result of death in a violent, unnatural or suspicious situation.

"We request that an inquest be convoked as required by the Coroners Law of Lagos State. You may wish to assign the inquest to the appropriate district coroner," they added.