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An unidentified commercial motorcyclist, popularly known as *okada* was yesterday hit by a commercial bus driver at Berger Yard Bus stop along the ever busy Oshodi/Apapa Expressway, Apapa, Lagos. The *okada* man died on the spot while his male passenger, who was said to have sustained minor injuries, was rushed to a private hospital at Kirikiri, where he is presently receiving treatment.

Eyewitnesses told *Saturday Vanguard* that the incident occurred at about 2:30pm, when the *okada* man, heading towards Mile 2 on high speed, suddenly turned to fast land from the service lane, close to the main gate of Julius Berger

(Nig.) PLC, while the driver of the bus, popularly known as *danfo*, and also heading to Mile 2, smashed into the *okada*, knocking off both the *okada* man and his passenger. It was alleged that the *danfo* driver had immediately sped off to avoid the wrath of other *okada* men.

When *Saturday Vanguard* arrived at the scene, the corpse of the deceased was lying covered with leaves on the median close to the accident spot, while policemen from Area B of the Nigerian Police, Kirikiri, Apapa were controlling and calming protesting *okada* men, who had vented their anger on other *danfo* drivers plying the road, smashing windcreens.



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