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One dead, 21 injured as cows cause auto crash in Osun

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OSOGBO—ONE person was reported dead and 21 other passengers sustained critical injuries Sunday when herd of cattle crossing Ife-Ilesa expressway caused an accident.

It was gathered that the accident, which involved a Marcopolo luxurious bus around 10am, led to a serious traffic

along the expressway.

According to an eyewitness, "the driver of the luxurious bus was struggling to avoid crushing a Sports Utility Vehicle, SUV, after the driver of the SUV sighted cows crossing the expressway and swerved to the right."

He further hinted that "in an attempt to avoid crushing the SUV, the driver of the luxurious bus, marked SMK 667 XR lost

control of the vehicle which eventually somersaulted."

When contacted, the head of operations, Ife unit of the Federal Roads Safety Corps, FRSC, Mr. Odogiyan Aderibigbe, confirmed the incident occurred around Osu section of the Highway, saying some policemen and soldiers joined the FRSC officials in the rescue operation, especially the passengers trapped in the bus.

He said: "The Marcopolo luxury bus was coming from Kaduna and heading to Lagos when the accident occurred. There were 69 passengers in the bus and 21 of them were injured.

"When the bus finally fell on its side, three of the passengers were trapped under the bus. They were pulled out, but one of them died. The injured passengers were taken to the emergency unit of the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, OAUTHC, Ile-Ife for treatment."

Man, 35, defiles minor

A 35-year-old man, Henry Uyamoh, was yesterday taken before an Ebute Meta Chief Magistrate's Court in Lagos, for allegedly defiling a 12-year-old girl.

The defendant who appeared on a count charge of sexual assault, however, pleaded not guilty.

The prosecutor, Inspector Chinalu Uwadione, told the court

that the defendant and others still at large committed the offence on December 17, at 4.20p.m., at 4, Araromi Street, Imota, Lagos State.

He alleged that the defendant had sex with the 12-year-old in his room, in contravention of Section 263 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

The Chief Magistrate, Mrs Adeola Adedayo, ordered the