

Two die, three rescued in Lagos autocrash

...as fire razes buildings, kills one

By Bose Adelaja

Two persons were dead while three people were rescued yesterday in Lagos State after an autocrash involving an articulated truck and a Lexus Jeep just as a yet to be identified person was roasted and five buildings including a church razed in a fire incident.

While the autocrash occurred on Otedola Bridge inward the State Secretariat, Alausa, the fire incident occurred at Ifelodun Street, Ajegunle, Apapa.

The fire incident was said to have been caused by explosion from a cooking gas cylinder in one of the buildings, leading to loss of properties worth millions of Naira.

Both incidents occurred in the morning.

The autocrash claimed the lives of the truck driver and his assistant.

Though the three occupants of the Lexus Jeep were rescued, two of them were treated on the spot while one is said to be in a critical condition at a government hospital.

Sunday Vanguard gathered that the articulated truck, with



*Wreckage of the truck after the crash, yesterday. Above, right, is the Lexus Jeep being towed away.

number plate APP 586 XQ and laden with tonnes of granite, swerved off the road and collided with the Lexus Jeep with number plate BDG 663 FZ and

both vehicles fell off the bridge.

Rescue operation was carried out by Lagos State Emergency

Owerri.



Management Agency, LASEMA, and law enforcement agents who deposited the bodies at the morgue.

LASEMA Director General, Dr Femi Oke-Osanyintolu, who confirmed the incident, said the autocrash was a secondary accident resulting from a collision

between the Lexus Jeep and an unidentified Toyota Sienna.

He said that after the primary incident, owners of both cars were arguing and negotiating terms of repairs when the articulated vehicle crashed into the jeep just as the unidentified Sienna hurriedly lefts the

scene.

The DG said the agency responded to the fire outbreak through a distress call from the State's Emergency Number 767/112 though the victim had been burnt beyond recognition before the arrival of the response team.

Apart from the five buildings, the inferno was said to have escalated and spread to a shanty site where people erected various wooden structures made of plywood, planks and other combustible materials.

The fire was put out through the joint efforts of Lagos State Fire Service, the Nigeria Police and LASEMA Response Team.

NAF jets 'strike Boko Haram In Sambisa, kill scores of terrorists'

By Kingsley Omonobi, Abuja

NAF jets neutralized scores of Boko Haram terrorists at Bula Bello, Sambisa, as Operation Rattle Snake 2 intensified offensive, according to the

Nigerian Air Force which said its Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Lafiya Dole on Wednesday December 1, 2020 recorded a massive success against Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs). The NAF said the feat was recorded near Bula

Bello when a Nigerian Air Force (NAF) Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft, whilst returning from a mission, spotted a BHT gun truck under a tree along with scores of BHT fighters converged around the tree on the outskirts of the settlement, ostensibly preparing for an attack against nearby troops.

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