

4 dead, 5 injured in 3rd Mainland bridge accident

FOUR persons were dead while five others were injured yesterday, on the Third Mainland Bridge, in Lagos.

The accident occurred at about 5.50 am at the Adekunle Inter-change end of the bridge inward Iyana-Oworo.

Information gathered revealed that the incident occurred when a Toyota Hiace bus with number plate, FST 241

YC, which was journeying at top speed from Adekunle inter-change suffered a tyre burst and sumersaulted.

It was learnt that 20 occupants (nine males and 11 females) were on board when the incident occurred.

Five of the occupants were said to have sustained injuries while three female adults were confirmed dead on the spot. The fourth casualty, a female, died in the hospital.

Confirming the incident, Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety

Corps, FRSC, Olusegun Ogungbemi, said the crashed vehicle has been towed off the location.

According to him, men of FRSC, Nigeria Police, Lagos State Transport Management Authority, LASTMA, and Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, LASEMA, were the first responders at the scene, which rescued the injured victims and deposited the bodies at the General Hospital, Marina.

He advised motorists to always be

mindful of the status of their tyres and avoid excessive speed.

At press time, the crashed vehicle has been taken off the location.

The Sector Commander assured all motorists of adequate deployment of personnel and logistics for the crash-free Eid-el-Fitri celebration for today and tomorrow.

He admonished motorists to always adhere to speed limits for all categories of the road at all times because "speed thrills but kills faster."

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