

# Truck driver crashes into bus, kills 2 in Ogun

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**ABEOKUTA** —A drunk truck driver, yesterday, crashed into a bus at Castinjo/Ota bus stop on the Ota-Idiroko Expressway in the Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State, killing the bus driver and his motor boy on the spot.

Spokesman for the Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency, Babatunde Akinbiyi, in a statement, yesterday in Abeokuta, state capital, said, an eyewitness account claimed that the truck driver, who was reportedly drunk and was on top speed, lost control and rammed into the bus coming towards Ota.

The crash, which reportedly occurred about 6.48a.m., involved a MAN Diesel truck with no number plate and a bus with number plate LND 224 GF.

It was gathered that the accident caused a traffic snarl for some hours, as the crashed truck obstructed the smooth flow of traffic.

The wreckage of the crash was, cleared from the road and taken to Onipanu Divisional Police Station, while the dead have been deposited at Ifo General Hospital.

The statement read, "According to an eyewitness account, the MAN Diesel truck with no number plate was driving inbound Idiroko from Ota when the driver, due to drunk driving and excessive speed, lost control and rammed into the bus driving in opposite direction from Idiroko to Ota.

"The driver of the bus and the motor boy died on the spot due to the impact of the collision while the drunk driver of the truck and its motor boy ran away.

"The accident vehicles (truck and bus) have been evacuated from the road to

Onipanu Divisional Police Station, Ota, while the bodies of the dead have been deposited at Ifo General Hospital Morgue.

"While TRACE and the police

commiserate with the families of the deceased, motorists are again warned to desist from drunk driving and excessive speed given its attendant consequences."



Scene of the accident.