

One killed, many injured in another Lagos auto crash



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Barely 24 hours after six lives were lost in a ghastly auto crash on the Ibeju-Lekki expressway, tragedy struck again, yesterday, as one person was confirmed dead and others injured in a fatal crash at Idi-Iroko, inward Ogolonto on Ikorodu Road.

The accident, Vanguard gathered occurred when a fully loaded commercial Mazda bus, with registration number LND 490 SD, vying for right of passage from the Agric axis, rammed into a fast-moving articulated truck, with plate number EKY 121 YJ.

It was learned that a passenger sitting by the doorway of the bus, who was flung out by the impact was crushed by the truck's rear tyres.

Two other passengers, a male and a female, sustained severe injuries, Vanguard learned, while others had minor injuries in the ensuing stampede to get out of the commercial bus.

Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority, LASTMA Adebayo Taofiq, said the injured passengers, "Were extricated with severe injuries by valiant LASTMA operatives and were immediately conveyed by the Lagos State Ambulance Service, LASAMBUS, to the Ikorodu General Hospital for urgent medical intervention.

"The remains of the deceased were later entrusted to his grieving family by officers of the Nigeria Police Force. The security cover for the coordinated rescue operations by LASTMA was further reinforced by personnel of the Owutu Police Division.

"To restore unimpeded vehicular movement across the corridor, the accidented vehicles: the commercial Mazda bus and the articulated truckc were evacuated by LASTMA officials," he added.

