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MASAKA. Survivors of a road crash that happened yesterday morning in Kalegero Village, Lwengo District, have shared their ordeal.

The accident involved a passenger bus belonging to Kasaba Bus Company and a box body truck. At least 11 people were killed.

One of the survivors, Mr Michael Musanje, who was in the bus, is nursing a fractured right arm.

Musanje, a businessman and resident of Seguku Village in Wakiso District, said he boarded the bus in Rukungiri Town at 10pm on Monday. The bus was heading to Kampala City.

He said he was chatting on his smartphone when he suddenly heard a loud bang, followed by screams from other passengers.

"The bus was already skidding on one side. The back part of the bus had been ripped apart after the collision. By God's mercy, I manoeuvred my way through the window when the bus finally settled on its side," he said.

Ms Clare Nawandinda, another survivor, said she saw a beam of light from the vehicle coming from the opposite direction.

"I was seated in the third seat near the bus driver. The beam of lights from the vehicle coming from the opposite direction that possibly signalled danger complicated the bus driver's vision as he tried to avoid a head-on collision with the truck coming from the oppo-

Lwengo road crash survivors narrate ordeal



The wreckage of the bus involved in the accident in Kalegero Village, Lwengo District, yesterday. PHOTO/ISSA ALIGA

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- Twaha Kasirye, Southern Region Police Spokesperson

site direction. The bus skidded on the road surface after it was hit on the tail side by the truck," she said.

She said she was on her way to Kampala to meet relatives.

Other survivors from the road crash identified by the police include Aga-

tha Atukunda (41), Catherine Akashaba (26), Mathira Akoti (50), Ethan Kanene (02), Gabriel Bataka (49), Charity Nabimanya (38), Ivan Twijuka (21), Amon Turvanoika (27), Vanesa Namara (25), Victor Nangirantaha (02), Unice Kyogabire (36), Sharon Ahuhaire (30), Dan-

iel Asimwe (3), and Darius Nabasa (38) among several others.

The Southern Region Police Spokesperson, Mr Twaha Kasirye, yesterday told this publication that three of the 33 people who were injured in the crash and were rushed to hospital died shortly after admission.

"The police is hunting for the bus driver who disappeared shortly after the crash," he said.

The accident also claimed the life of a police officer, Ernest Abaho, who was attached to Mukono Central Police, according to a crash report released by the Lwengo District traffic department.

By press time the traffic police department was yet to issue a conclusive crash report but officers at the crash scene had earlier linked the crash to careless driving.

"The bus skidded on the road surface for a distance nearing 1-km from the initial crash scene. These are pointers of possible speeding," a traffic officer said as they took charge of the crash scene.

The Tuesday morning crash brings the number of people killed in road accidents in the greater Masaka region to 15 in nearly three days since April 4, 2026, according to police sources.

Other crash victims include two people who died in Kalungu District and two others who were killed in a separate accident in Lyantonde District on April 4 and 5, 2026, respectively.