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Sixteen workers of a sardine canning factory were injured when the company shuttle vehicle they were riding collided with a mini dump truck in Barangay Talisayan yesterday morning.

Ayala police station commander Chief Inspector Karib Muharram said the road collision took place around 7:27 a.m. at the intersection of Pamucutan-Talisayan road and the west coast highway.

Muharram said an Isuzu Elf truck of the Ligo sardine company was carrying some 30 nightshift workers with plate number RKB 147 and driven by Jose Calaya when it collided with the mini dump truck.

Muharram said the driver of the blue mini-dump truck identified as Nonoy Malandi told police investigators that he lost control of the steering wheel while negotiating the west coast highway as he tried to evade a crossing cargo vehicle with which his truck hit back portion of the other vehicle. Both vehicles incurred damages and were brought to Ayala Police Station for further investigation.

In an on-site interview with RMN Zamboanga, Calaya said that he has already crossed the stretch of the highway heading for Pamucutan to transport his passengers when he felt and heard a big bang then his vehicle turned on one sided along the highway.

“Ya sinti ya lang yo chene yan bangga na atras del vehiculo, bien kore gayot el dump-truck, ya kaba bula dimiyo mga pasahero na atras, el uno ya man-ipit el mano,” Calaya said.

16 hurt as 2 trucks collide in Talisayan

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Injured were Jonick Arana, 19, of Labuan; Florendo Ace Villa, 21, of Baliwasan; Jenny Anggo, 19, of Sinubong; Noel Bantog of Sinubong; Alequin Valenzuela, 21, of Zone 2, Ayala; Jayson Culumbres; Karem Timbago 33, of Labuan; Angelo Hashim 23; Daffly Quemada, 17, of Sinubong; Mary Grace Valez, 35, of Patalon; Aduradjak Hanibal, 39, of Baliwasan; Bionita Ejera; Redive Azur, 26, of Patalon; Ryan Recto, 28, of Labuan; Reymar Pajunar, 23, of Labuan, all passengers of the sardine firm truck with plate no. RKB 147 driven by Jose Calaya, 46, a resident of Baliwasan Chico, this city.

The injured passengers were rushed to the hospital while both trucks were impounded at the Ayala Police Station for further investigation. – Bhong Simbajon-RMN News and Dan Toribio Jr.