

Truck Conductor Crushed In Lagos



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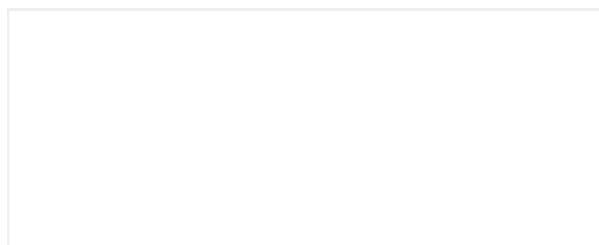
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A truck assistant (conductor) lost his life in Lagos on Wednesday night after being crushed by a truck.

The accident, which is currently under investigation by local authorities, occurred around 11 p.m. at the Ogolonto area of Ikorodu.

Eyewitnesses said the conductor, whose identity has not yet been released, reportedly fell under the moving vehicle while trying to balance the fully loaded truck. The truck, which was carrying goods, crushed him beneath its wheels, killing him instantly.





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The General Manager of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), Mr. Olalekan Bakare-Oki, confirmed the incident, saying the truck driver was arrested by officials of LASTMA's Special Night Patrol Team.

Bakare-Oki explained that preliminary findings from the joint security investigation revealed that the heavily loaded truck crushed its motor boy to death at the Ogolonto Traffic Light intersection, inward Ikorodu Roundabout.

“Preliminary findings indicate that the deceased motor boy had alighted from the moving truck to assist the driver in stabilising the vehicle by placing a wooden plank beneath its tyres, as the braking mechanism was reportedly defective.

“In the course of this effort, the unfortunate motor boy slipped and fell beneath the rear tyres, which ran over him, resulting in his instantaneous and tragic death.

“LASTMA officers immediately cordoned off the accident scene to prevent further chaos and ensure the safety of other road users. Operatives of the Ipakodo Police Division were swiftly contacted and arrived at the scene to take over the case.

“The apprehended truck driver was handed over to the police for further interrogation and investigation, while the remains of the deceased were conveyed by police operatives to the General Hospital, Ikorodu, for proper deposition,” he said.