

Dispatch rider crushed to death in Lagos

A dispatch rider has died in a fatal accident involving an articulated trailer at the Ilupeju Bypass area of Lagos.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) confirmed the incident, saying preliminary investigations showed that the rider was allegedly struggling for the right of way with a commercial minibus, popularly known as “Korope,” before losing control of the motorcycle and crashing into the moving trailer.

The rider died instantly at the scene.

General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, said traffic officials monitoring the Mushin axis swiftly responded after receiving distress alerts.

He said emergency rescue and traffic management operations were immediately activated to prevent further disruption along the busy corridor.

Bakare-Oki said LASTMA operatives recovered the victim’s remains trapped beneath the trailer while traffic diversion measures were put in place to ease congestion caused by the accident.

He added that officials of the State Environmental Health Management Unit evacuated the corpse from the scene following the severity of the incident and the obstruction caused by spilled contents from the trailer.

He added that the damaged motorcycle and trailer were handed over to the Nigeria Police Force for further investigation.