

Three family members die in Lagos–Ibadan Expressway crash



Three members of a family – a father, mother, and their young child – died yesterday in a multi-vehicle collision at Secretariat inward Otedola Bridge on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

According to the **Lagos State Traffic Management Authority** (LASTMA) spokesman, Adebayo Taofiq, the crash, which involved an Audi, a Toyota Camry, and Toyota Corolla, was triggered when a loaded truck, reportedly at high speed, rammed into one of the vehicles from behind.

The impact caused the car to veer out of control and collide with two other moving vehicles, resulting in a chain-reaction.

LASTMA officials said the truck driver fled the scene after the impact, abandoning the victims and evading arrest.

The LASTMA officials worked alongside other emergency responders to rescue trapped occupants and clear the roadway.

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Two critically injured victims were extricated from the wreckage and transported by the Lagos State Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS) to the Lagos State Emergency and Trauma Centre at Toll Gate for medical treatment.

The bodies of the deceased family were recovered and handed over to the Lagos State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit (SEHMU).

Security personnel from the Isheri Olowora Police Division provided support during the operation, while LASTMA officers removed the damaged vehicles from the expressway to prevent secondary accidents. The coordinated response also involved the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), SEHMU, LASAMBUS, and the Lagos Fire & Rescue Service.

LASTMA General Manager, Mr. Olalekan Bakare-Oki, described the deaths as “an unbearable and irreplaceable loss of an entire family,” offering prayers for the bereaved and wishing the injured a swift recovery.

Bakare-Oki lamented that the tragedy was preventable and reiterated LASTMA’s warning against excessive speeding, particularly by drivers of articulated loaded trucks.