

Truck driver crushes two to death in Lagos

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The driver of a heavily loaded bucket truck has knocked down a pedestrian and a motorcyclist on the Badagry Expressway, Lagos.

The incident occurred at the Iyana Iba Flyover inward the main gate of **Lagos State University** (LASU) on the main carriageway of the expressway.

According to preliminary findings by security operatives, the truck driver was reportedly travelling at top speed from Volkswagen end of the road inward Badagry when he knocked down a pedestrian.

Rather than stopping, the driver allegedly continued driving along the corridor in an attempt to flee the scene.

To stop the truck and compel the driver to face the consequences of the incident, a motorcyclist, accompanied by another individual, reportedly pursued the vehicle. However, the truck driver allegedly rammed into the motorcycle during the chase, killing the motorcyclist instantly, while the second occupant escaped unhurt.

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Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) said operatives of its Night Gang Surveillance and Monitoring Patrol Team, deployed along the route for routine traffic monitoring and emergency response, swiftly arrived at the scene.

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The agency said its officials evacuated the body of the motorcyclist, which had become trapped beneath the front tyre of the truck.

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The truck driver was subsequently arrested by LASTMA officials and handed over to security personnel attached to the PPL Police Post, Okokomaiko, alongside officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Accident and Emergency Response Team for further investigation.

While officials of the FRSC evacuated the remains of the motorcyclist, the body of the pedestrian was released to relatives who arrived at the scene after being informed of the incident.

Both the bucket truck and the damaged motorcycle involved in the accident were also moved to the PPL Police Post pending the conclusion of investigations.

The General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, expressed condolences to the families of the deceased victims.

He described the incident as a painful reminder of the dangers associated with reckless driving, especially among articulated vehicle operators and truck drivers who disregard traffic regulations and safety measures on major highways.

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Bakare-Oki urged truck drivers and other road users to comply with speed limits and exercise caution while using the roads to prevent avoidable loss of lives.