

# Diesel tanker crushes dispatch rider to death in Lagos

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A dispatch rider was on Wednesday crushed to death by a diesel-laden tanker around Cele Bus Stop along the Apapa–Oshodi Expressway in Lagos.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) confirmed the incident in a statement issued by its spokesperson, Adebayo Taofiq.

According to the agency, the tragic crash occurred under the Cele Bridge corridor when a fully loaded HOWO diesel tanker rammed into the dispatch motorcycle.

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“The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) today expeditiously responded to a tragic road traffic crash in which a dispatch rider lost his life after being struck by a fully loaded HOWO diesel tanker (RBC 38 XF) under the Cele Bridge corridor of the Apapa–Oshodi Expressway,” the statement read.

LASTMA added that preliminary security reports indicated that the tanker, while in motion, violently collided with the motorcycle, trapping the rider beneath it and killing him instantly.

“Security reports revealed that the tanker, while in motion, violently rammed into the dispatch motorcycle, causing the rider to be trapped underneath the tanker and die instantly,” it stated.

Officials of the agency promptly secured the accident scene, cordoning off the area with cones and caution tape to prevent secondary crashes and ensure the safety of other road users.

The tanker involved in the incident was subsequently impounded, while the driver fled the scene after realising the severity of the accident.

Operatives of the Ijesha Police Division later arrived at the scene to reinforce security and take over investigations.

The deceased rider, the impounded tanker, and the damaged motorcycle were handed over to the police for further investigation and possible prosecution.

The body of the victim was later recovered and transported to a morgue in Yaba.

Reacting to the incident, the General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, expressed condolences to the family of the deceased, describing the incident as deeply distressing.

He also urged the police to conduct a thorough investigation into the cause of the crash and ensure that justice is served.