

# Motorists stuck as multiple collisions ground Lagos–Ibadan Expressway

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Scene of the accident. Credit: LASTMA | X

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Hundreds of motorists were stranded along the Lagos–Ogun State axis of the Lagos–Ibadan Expressway on Sunday following multiple vehicle crashes.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the accidents, which occurred around 2:55 pm, involved five vehicles carrying a total of 11 occupants and left at least six people with varying degrees of injuries.

The crashes caused heavy gridlock, stretching from outward Lagos to the Secretariat area within the state.

Our correspondents observed some travellers abandoning their vehicles and turning back, while others disembarked and walked to continue their journeys.

“We saw injured people laid at the back of a pick-up truck. Some of them appeared lifeless. There were about three people in the truck who looked like they might have been dead.

“Others, around four or five, were being loaded into the truck. I’m not sure if they were picking people up along the way, but they were moving them quickly toward Lagos,” a commuter identified as Ola told PUNCH Metro.

Another commuter, identified only as Dele, said, “A truck carrying bags of flour fell over. I’m not sure if it caused the accident, but the flour spilt, and people were picking it up. There was also a Mazda that tumbled, breaking its windscreen.

“Two other vehicles were involved — a Corolla facing Lagos State with a removed tyre, and another Mazda and a RAV4. Altogether, including the truck, five vehicles were involved in the multiple collisions.”

Meanwhile, the spokesperson for the Federal Road Safety Corps, Lagos Sector Command, Oluwadamilola Jayeola, confirmed in a statement on Sunday that no lives were lost in the incident.

According to her, the crash was caused by loss of control due to speeding.

“The crash, which occurred at about 14:55 hrs, involved five vehicles and a total of 11 persons. Six persons sustained injuries, while no fatality was recorded. The incident was attributed to loss of control arising from speeding.

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“FRSC operatives responded promptly to the distress call within four minutes, and the injured victims were rescued and conveyed to the Lagos State Accident & Emergency Centre for prompt medical attention. FRSC personnel worked assiduously in collaboration with the Nigeria Police and other sister agencies,” the statement read.

She added that the road was fully cleared and reopened for easy and free movement of vehicles.

Also, the Lagos Sector Commander of the FRSC, Kehinde Hamzat, urged motorists to observe speed limits, maintain lane discipline, and exercise caution, particularly around bridges and high-traffic corridors.

He also warned that reckless driving and speeding continue to pose serious threats to lives on major highways.

Meanwhile, the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority had earlier stated on its X handle that the incident caused immediate gridlock.

“A multiple-vehicle crash involving a truck that fell on its side, a Corolla, an SUV (RAV4), and two loaded interstate Mazda buses has been reported on Kara Bridge inwards Mowe,” the agency said.

LASTMA added that emergency responders were working to offload the flour and clear the expressway.

“As transloading efforts are ongoing, all necessary resources are on the ground to ensure safety and good traffic flow. Traffic is currently backed up to Magodo/Secretariat on the expressway, and at Omole junction, spilling onto Ogunnusi Road. Our officers are strategically located along this axis,” the agency disclosed.

It added, “Partial recovery of the vehicles involved in the accident at Kara Bridge inwards Mowe has been done, and more than one lane has been opened for vehicular movement. Our men are on hand to ensure the safety of other motorists and road users, while also ensuring smooth traffic flow in collaboration with officers of the Federal Road Safety Corps (@FRSCNigeria).”

Motorists have long complained about recurring accidents along the route, calling on authorities to implement stricter enforcement of speed limits and conduct regular patrols to curb frequent crashes and prevent further loss of lives and property.

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