

# Truck driver arrested over Lagos cyclist's death

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The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority has arrested a truck driver following the death of a cyclist in a road accident under the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital bridge in the Ikeja area of the state.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt on Monday that the crash occurred at the traffic signal corridor inward Airport Road.

According to a statement by LASTMA spokesperson, Adebayo Taofiq, the cyclist and a DAF articulated truck were approaching the roundabout from the Maryland axis when the incident happened.

Preliminary findings showed that the cyclist attempted to navigate the roundabout beside the heavy-duty truck but failed to maintain a safe distance and was crushed.

The victim reportedly died on the spot.

LASTMA operatives stationed nearby were said to have responded immediately and intercepted the truck driver, who allegedly tried to flee the scene.

“The cyclist was unable to maintain a safe clearance from the moving truck, resulting in a fatal crash. Our officers swiftly apprehended the driver when he attempted to abscond,” Taofiq said.

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He added that the suspect had been handed over to officers of the Ikeja Police Division for further investigation and possible prosecution.

Reacting to the incident, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Transportation, Sola Giwa, expressed sadness over the loss and commiserated with the family of the deceased.

He urged cyclists and commercial motorcyclists to exercise caution and avoid highways, expressways and other high-risk roads.

“The Lagos State Government has continued sensitisation campaigns to educate cyclists and other vulnerable road users on restricting their movements to inner roads away from highways and high-risk corridors,” Giwa said.

He noted that the advisory also applies to skateboard users and other non-motorised road users.

LASTMA reiterated the state government’s commitment to road safety enforcement and urged motorists, cyclists and pedestrians to obey traffic regulations to prevent avoidable accidents.