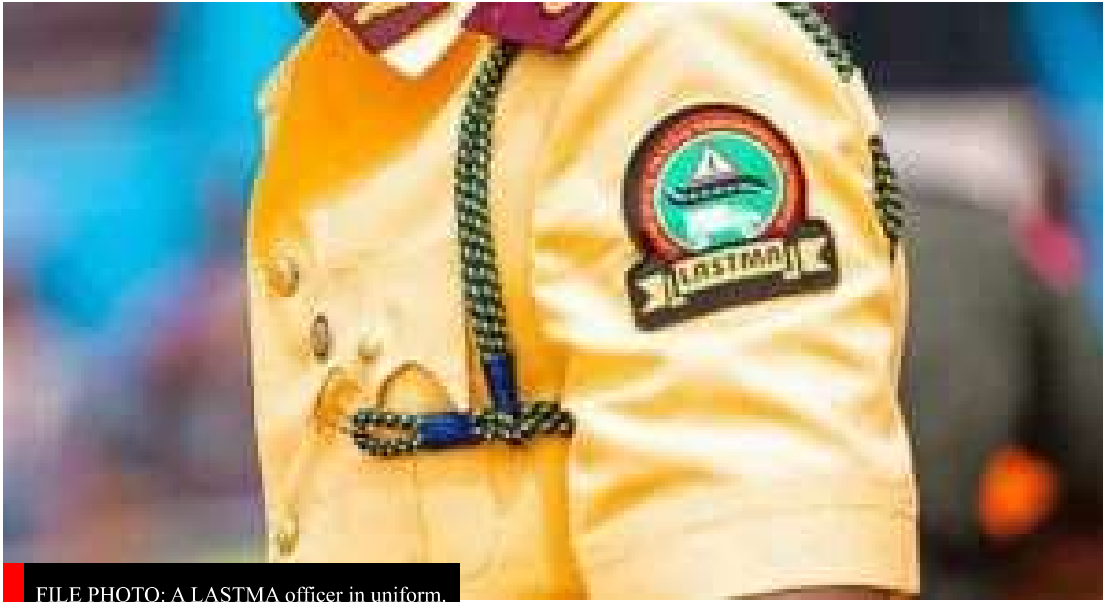


One dies, six injured in Lagos accident

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FILE PHOTO: A LASTMA officer in uniform.

By Saheed Oyelakin

One person died and six others were injured in an auto accident early Sunday morning at the Castle Bus Stop along the Oworonsoki-Apapa Expressway in Lagos State.

The deceased, an unidentified woman, was crushed by a truck after being flung onto the road by a commercial bus involved in an earlier collision.

Adebayo Taofiq, spokesperson for the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority, confirmed the crash in a statement.

“The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority efficiently coordinated traffic control and emergency response following a tragic road traffic accident that occurred over the weekend at New Castle Bus Stop inward Gbagada along the Oworonsoki-Apapa Expressway,” he said.

According to Taofiq, a Volkswagen commercial bus (LSD 654 XY) veered off course and struck a roadside culvert.

“The impact forcefully ejected a female passenger onto the expressway, while six others sustained serious injuries, including multiple fractures. Tragically, an oncoming articulated trailer could not avoid the passenger on the roadway, resulting in her immediate death,” he added.

LASTMA operatives promptly activated emergency traffic management protocols, temporarily cordoning off the expressway to allow safe evacuation of the victims and the wreckage.

Six other occupants of the bus, including the driver, were seriously injured, while the driver of the trailer reportedly fled the scene.

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Security personnel from the Pedro Police Division assisted in maintaining order and supporting emergency operations.

The Lagos State Ambulance Service evacuated the six injured victims, including the bus driver, to a nearby medical facility for treatment, while personnel from the Lagos State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit removed the deceased woman from the scene.

“Following the successful evacuation, LASTMA operatives cleared the corridor and restored normal traffic flow,” Taofiq said.

Olalekan Bakare-Oki, General Manager of LASTMA, expressed condolences to the family of the deceased and prayed for their strength during the loss.

He also wished the injured passengers a swift and full recovery.

Earlier on Sunday, PUNCH Online **reported** that two persons sustained injuries following a collision involving two trucks at the Arepo Bridge area along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

The crash, which occurred around 4 am, involved an empty American Cola truck and a Seaco truck.

The accident caused traffic gridlock along the busy highway as officers of the Federal Road Safety Corps worked to tow the affected trucks off the road.