

Male hawker crushed to death in Lagos road crash

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A roadside hawker has been crushed to death in a road accident in the Okokomaiko area of Lagos State.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority said the fatal crash involved a Lexus Jeep with registration number SMK 674 HY.

In a statement on Sunday, the agency's Director of Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department, Adebayo Taofiq, said the victim, an adult male, died on the spot.

He said LASTMA officials responded promptly to a distress call, secured the scene and evacuated the remains of the deceased from the carriageway.

“LASTMA swiftly responded to a tragic road incident that resulted in the death of a roadside hawker at Okokomaiko, alongside a separate collision at Ogudu inward Toll Gate, where seven injured passengers were successfully rescued.

“The fatal incident at Okokomaiko involved a Lexus Jeep with registration number SMK 674 HY. The crash led to the untimely death of an adult male hawker. LASTMA officials responded swiftly to the distress call, securing the accident scene and evacuating the remains of the deceased from the carriageway,” the statement partly read.

The police officers attached to the Ketu Division were said to have subsequently conveyed the body to the Badagry Mortuary for further necessary procedures.

In a separate incident, the agency stated that it rescued seven passengers who were injured in a collision at the Ogudu inward toll gate.

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The crash involved a Mazda commercial bus with registration number MUS 231 YA and a Lexus Jeep with registration number FKJ 23 HL.

LASTMA officials, alongside operatives of the Ogudu Police Division, were said to have intervened promptly at the scene.

“Emergency response was further strengthened by the presence of security operatives from the Ogudu Police Division, while officials of the Lagos State Ambulance Service efficiently evacuated the injured victims to nearby medical facilities for urgent treatment,” Adebayo added.

The agency added that all vehicles involved in both accidents had been handed over to the police for further investigation.

The General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, urged motorists to adhere strictly to traffic regulations and maintain safe speeds.

He also advised drivers to exercise caution, particularly during late-night hours when visibility and alertness may be reduced.

Bakare-Oki reiterated the agency’s commitment to safeguarding lives and ensuring effective traffic management across the state.

PUNCH Metro reported on April 6 that the Oyo State Police Command attributed a multiple-vehicle and pedestrian accident at Soka Junction in Oluyole Local Government Area to reckless driving, which claimed the lives of two persons and left several others with varying degrees of injuries.

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