

Lagos commercial driver dies in autocrash

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The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority has confirmed the tragic demise of a commercial bus driver, following a fatal multiple-vehicle collision that occurred earlier today, at Cele Expressway inward Oshodi.

The Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment of LASTMA, Mr Taofiq Adebayo, said this in a statement issued to newsmen on Tuesday in Lagos.

Adebayo said the unfortunate accident involved a commercial mini bus “Korope” and a Toyota Tundra pickup truck with registration number (EPE 554 YC).

“Preliminary investigations conducted by security personnel at the scene revealed that the driver of the commercial mini bus sustained grievous injuries and died instantly, due to the devastating impact of the collision.

“LASTMA operatives, who were on routine traffic monitoring and surveillance duties within the corridor, swiftly coordinated emergency response efforts, secured the accident site, managed traffic flow and prevented further obstruction along the heavily trafficked route,” he said.

According to him, in concert with police officers from the Cele-Ijesha Division, the remains of the deceased driver was recovered and subsequently released to his family members, residing within the locality.

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Speaking further, he added that to restore normalcy and guarantee public safety, the LASTMA personnel evacuated the wreckage and all other vehicles involved in the accident, from the expressway.

“The vehicles were thereafter handed over to the Nigeria Police Force for exhaustive investigation into both the immediate and remote causes of the crash, with a view to determining liability and facilitating any necessary legal proceedings,” he said.

Adebamowo added that the General Manager of LASTMA, Mr Olalekan Bakare-Oki, conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and admonished motorists, particularly commercial transport operators, to always exercise heightened caution on the road.

He urged them to maintain unwavering compliance with extant traffic regulations and cultivate a culture of responsible driving at all times.