

Dispatch rider crushed on Lagos bridge collision

By **Faheem Lawal**

ANOTHER dispatch rider has lost his life in a road crash at Otedola Bridge, along the Ogudu Toll Gate corridor.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) has confirmed the death second time at the location within 24 hours.

The accident involved a heavy duty Volvo truck and the dispatch rider, who died instantly from the impact. The crash has renewed urgent concerns about the safety of motorcycle dispatch operators on Lagos' busiest highways.

According to LASTMA Spokesman, Adebayo Taofiq, operatives on routine patrol around Otedola Bridge swiftly responded to the accident scene, where they promptly secured and cordoned off the accident area to forestall any secondary incidents, particularly given the

high vehicular density along the corridor.

"The remains of the deceased dispatch rider were respectfully handed over to officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), who were present at the scene in support of traffic management operations.

"A tow truck subsequently removed the articulated vehicle and the motorcycle, allowing traffic to resume. However, the crash had already triggered significant congestion stretching back towards the Berger axis, with LASTMA officials working to clear the backlog."

Speaking of the incident, LASTMA General Manager, Olalekan Bakare-Oki extended condolences to the family and associates of the deceased and called for urgent action across the board.

"LASTMA remains resolute in its commitment to collaborating with relevant stakeholders in intensifying advocacy initiatives aimed at reducing road fatalities and fostering a sustainable culture of road safety across Lagos State," he said.

He also stressed the need for stricter compliance with traffic regulations especially amongst operators of articulated vehicles and dispatch riders.

LSSTF demands maintenance culture from security agencies

By **Christopher Oji**

THE Lagos State Security Trust Fund (LSSTF) has urged security agencies to cultivate a strong maintenance culture in handling assets, especially vehicles, communication gadgets and tactical

ownership, even the most robust investments could quickly deteriorate.

"We pride ourselves as the first security trust fund in Nigeria, and other states are following our model. However, one issue continues to bother us