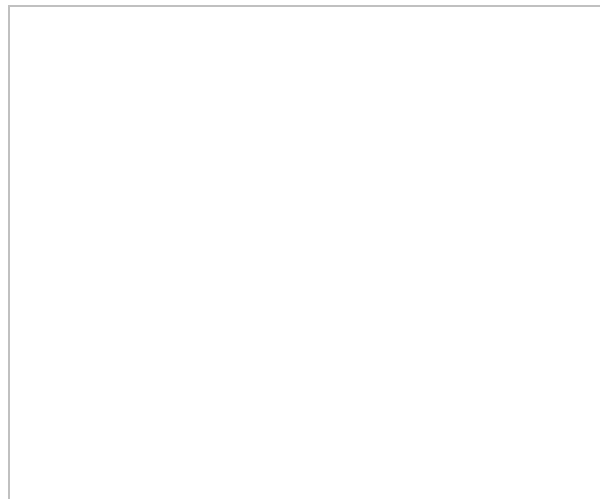


Driver kills police officer in Lagos

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A police officer riding a motorcycle was yesterday killed in a road crash on the Third Mainland Bridge, Lagos after a reckless driver rammed into him while traffic officials were managing vehicular movement along the corridor.

The crash occurred around the Adekunle axis inward Iyana Oworo when the driver of a Lexus SUV with registration number EPE 765 JN allegedly lost control and collided with the officer, who was riding a Bajaj motorcycle.

The officer reportedly died on the spot from injuries sustained in the impact.

According to the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), the driver immediately turned himself in at the Adekunle Police Division following the incident.

LASTMA said its officials, alongside operatives of the Nigeria Police Force, swiftly responded to distress calls from the scene to commence traffic control, emergency safety measures, and preliminary investigations.

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To prevent further accidents and ensure the safety of commuters, traffic cones and other cautionary devices were strategically placed around the affected section of the bridge while police officers carried out documentation and investigative procedures.

Authorities also launched coordinated evacuation and recovery operations to remove the affected vehicles and restore normal traffic flow along the busy route.

Despite the fatal incident, vehicular movement around the axis was effectively managed due to the prompt intervention and traffic control measures put in place by LASTMA officials.

Reacting to the development, the General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, urged motorists to obey speed limits and avoid reckless driving capable of endangering lives.

He stressed the need for road users to cultivate responsible driving habits and comply with traffic regulations to reduce the growing rate of avoidable road crashes and fatalities across Lagos State.