

3 LASUSTECH students die in fatal Ikorodu crash



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Three students of the Lagos State University of Science and Technology (LASUSTECH), Ikorodu, have been confirmed dead in a ghastly multiple-vehicle accident that occurred on Friday morning at Powerline Junction, before Aleje, inward Ikorodu Roundabout, Lagos.

The tragic incident, which plunged the Ikorodu community into mourning, reportedly involved a sand-laden tipper truck (unregistered), a Toyota Corolla (SMK 42 AJ), a multi-purpose bus, and four tricycles.

According to preliminary investigations by the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), the tipper, which was speeding excessively, suffered a brake failure and lost control, ramming into several vehicles and tricycles along the busy corridor.

The impact of the collision killed three LASUSTECH students, two males and one female, instantly, while seven others, including tricycle operators and passengers, sustained serious injuries.

Operatives of LASTMA, who arrived at the scene promptly, coordinated rescue operations and prevented further accidents. They were joined by officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) from Odongunyan Division and policemen from Shagamu Division.

The injured victims were immediately taken to nearby hospitals for urgent treatment, while the remains of the deceased students were deposited at the Ikorodu General Hospital mortuary.

All damaged vehicles were later cleared from the road by LASTMA personnel to ease the traffic gridlock that built up in the aftermath of the crash.

Speaking on the incident, the General Manager of LASTMA, Mr. Olalekan Bakare-Oki, expressed deep sorrow over the loss of the students and extended condolences to their families.

He described the accident as “tragic and avoidable,” blaming it on excessive speeding and poor vehicle maintenance.

“This unfortunate incident underscores the urgent need for commercial and heavy-duty vehicle operators to ensure their vehicles are in good condition and to comply with speed limits,” Bakare-Oki said.

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He also urged transport operators to conduct regular mechanical checks and adhere to traffic regulations to prevent needless loss of lives on Lagos roads.

Reaffirming the Authority’s commitment, Bakare-Oki assured the public that LASTMA would continue to intensify road safety enforcement, promote traffic discipline, and respond swiftly to emergencies across the state.