15 die in Lagos road accident 🔊

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Tragedy struck in Lagos on yesterday when a truck rammed into a boulder at the old toll-gate, killing 15 people, including the driver .

The accident, according to witnesses, occurred at about 3.am when the driver was said to have lost control of the vehicle immediately he rammed into the concrete divider on the road while the people and the goods on it were thrown out and scattered.

The lorry was said to have carried a 20 foot container containing bags of groundnuts, maize, pepper, a mercedes jeep car and some market women.

All the goods inside the trailer, including the traders' mutilated bodies were said to have littered the road.

A guard at the Lagos State Metropolitan Area Transport Agency (LAMATA), Mr. Isaac Omoniyi, who was one of the few people who witnessed the accident, told our correspondent that officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASMA), were the first to arrive the scene to remove the mutilated bodies and the debris.

He further said that one survivor and the bodies of the victims were also taken to the Ikeja General Hospital.

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