

Three killed in car crash

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THREE persons lost their lives at about 10 am yesterday on the Lagos-Ikorodu Road in Lagos State when three vehicles ran unto a stationary truck that was parked on the middle of the highway.

The truck, with registration number KII477 YB, loaded with bags of Dangote cement was still on the middle of the road at the time of filing this report, but the dead had been taken to the mortuary.

According to witnesses, the truck may have developed a

mechanical fault while the driver, possibly because of the rain in the early hours of the day, abandoned the truck, but without a warning sign to notify oncoming vehicles of the obstruction.

A witness, Folorunsho Aliu who spoke to *Daily Trust* said the three vehicles were approaching Ojota from Maryland on the Ikorodu Road on high speed and ran unto the stationary truck one after the other from the rear.

According to him, the accident caused heavy vehicular movement on that road, until officials of the Lagos State Traffic Man-

agement Authority (LASTMA) brought the situation under control.

At the time of filing this report, the other vehicles involved in the accident had been towed away, but the truck was still parked few metres away from the site of the incident.

Meanwhile, the truck was in a terrible shape, with the front wind shield out of place.

Effort to get the Lagos Police Command spokesman Mr. Frank Mba to comment on the accident did not yield results as his mobile phone was switched off.