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How truck crushed six to death in Lagos – FRSC

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) yesterday blamed overloading on the death of six persons in an accident along Lekki-Epe expressway on Tuesday night.

Daily Trust reports that the six people lost their lives when a truck fell on a fully loaded taxi they were travelling in while two people survived.

The incident happened the day the lockdown of Lagos commenced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A combined rescue team of the FRSC Epe Unit and the state Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) carried out the rescue operation.

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The Lagos Sector Commander of the FRSC, Hyginus Omeje told newsmen yesterday that the crash which occurred around Okegu village area of Lekki- Epe Expressway involved a Dangote cement mixer with registration number NRS 162 ZU and an Opel Astra saloon car with registration number SMK 312 ES overloaded with eight passengers.

Findings showed that the cement mixer tanker was trying to dodge a pothole on its lane when the main body detached from the head and consequently fell on the overloaded car.

It was learnt that one of the passengers jumped out of the car unhurt, the second survivor was trapped down, while the remaining six persons, who were unable to struggle out of the car before the tank finally rested on them, died instantly.

The sector commander said he had to put a call to the Zonal Coordinator of LASEMA Lagos West as well as Dangote Refineries for the services of their crane to rescue the trapped victim.

Omeje appealed to Lagos residents to continue to observe the stay-at-home order.

He also called on motorists to desist from overloading their vehicles.

He appealed to the government to, as a matter of urgency, carry out palliatives on the failed sections of Lekki- Epe Expressway to reduce the rate of crashes along that corridor.

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