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Falling container kills woman, driver escapes unhurt in Lagos

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LASTMA officials and sympathisers at the scene of the accident at Alapere, Lagos... yesterday. PHOTO: ALBERT UBA

A fully-loaded 40-foot Mack articulated truck, yesterday, fell on a Nissan car with Registraion Number ABJ 692 BG and instantly killed a woman at the rear side of the car, by N.N.P.C, inward Estate, Alapere, in Lagos.

Meanwhile, the driver escaped unhurt with the help of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) officials.

The Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department of LASTMA, Mr. Adebayo Taofiq, confirmed that the driver of the Mack articulated truck, with his motor-boy, escaped immediately the accident occurred.

Investigations revealed that the driver of Mack articulated 40-feet fully-loaded container, while on a top speed, lost control as a result of a brake failure, and rammed into a moving Nissan car on motion, by N.N.P.C inward Alapere, Ogudu along Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Lagos.

LASTMA official, Alabi Olukayode (Zone 2, Ogudu/Alapere) disclosed that LASTMA handed over the woman's body to Policemen from Alapere Police Station.

According to Zebra Alabi Olukayode, "LASTMA officials and passers-by, including the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA Response Unit (LRU) were involved in the rescue operations.

Other emergency responders at the scene of the fatal accident include Lagos State Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS), Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service and the Police.

Also at the accident scene were the LASTMA General Manager, Mr. Olalekan Bakare-Oki, LASTMA Director of Traffic Incidents, Event Monitoring, Enforcement and Compliance Mr. Hakeem Adeosun and the LASTMA rescue team.

General Manager, LASTMA Mr. Olalekan Bakare Oki, however, warned motoring public particularly truck drivers to stop over speeding and ensure their vehicles are properly checked including the braking system before embarking on any journey within or outside the State.

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