

② One dies in multiple truck crash along Lagos-Ibadan Expressway

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ONE person was confirmed dead yesterday following a multiple auto crash on Kara Bridge along Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. *The Guardian* gathered that the crash involved an articulated truck laden with several rolls of coils of steel and a 40ft container.

It was gathered that the truck, which was out-bound Lagos in a bid to avoid collision with a 40-foot container on the road, lost control and fell on its side resulting in the discharge of its cargoes (coils of steel) on the Kara Bridge carriageway.

As a result of the intensity of the incident, the head of the truck was severed thereby completely ob-

•Passengers trek long distances as motorists hike fare



Scene of the accident yesterday

structing vehicular movement on the road.

The resultant gridlock extended to Alapere, Ketu, forcing many trapped commuters to continue their journey on foot. The situa-

tion led to scarcity of buses, resulting in a hike in transport fares.

For instance, a bus ride to Oshodi increased from between N800 and N1000 to between N1200 and N1500.

A commuter, who lives in Magboro, Ugwu Ogbu, said he spent N1000 to get to Berger, which normally goes between N500 and N700 because of the scarcity of vehicles.

On reaching Berger, Ogbu said he trekked to Secretariat when he could not get a bus to Berger.

Also, impatient commercial bus drivers started driving against traffic, which resulted in secondary crashes, specifically on the outward Berger inward Otedola Bridge section.

Further investigations revealed that a bus was involved in a head-on collision with a police patrol van that was driving against traffic (one-way).