

Tanker Crushes Man To Death At Lagos Airport Tarmac

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A middle aged man was on Sunday night crushed to death at the apron of the General Aviation Terminal (GAT), Murtala Muhammed Airport (MMA), Lagos, by an aviation fuel (JET A1) tanker, belonging to a major oil company.

Reports said the driver of the tanker was standing in the front of the vehicle while his assistant drove it towards an aircraft parked for refuelling.

Tragedy struck, however, when the victim was hit as he moved to take over from his colleague to avoid hitting an Associated Airlines aircraft.

Eyewitness account reported that the accident would not have led to death, if the deceased had not jumped from the vehicle.

The body of the deceased, *Daily Independent* gathered, was immediately taken to Ikeja General Hospital, Lagos, where he was deposited in the mortuary.

Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has not officially confirmed the incident.

Public Relations Officer of Airport Police Command, Ochuko Imeke, said the police was informed about the accident on Monday, adding that by the time his men got to the scene of the accident, airport authorities have removed the corpse and the tanker.

He said the police would commence investigations into the matter.