

Trailer crushes man to death on Apapa-Oshodi Expressway

A MIDDLE aged man was yesterday crushed to death by a trailer under the pedestrian bridge at Ijesha bus stop on Apapa-Oshodi express way.

The accident occurred about 9.20 am while the man was trying to cross the road.

Witnesses said the man had crossed one of the lanes and was about crossing the other before he was hit by the trailer.

Some passersby said the accident might have been avoided if the man had used the pedestrian bridge.

"The whole thing happened so

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fast and you really cannot blame the trailer driver because he was on the fast lane and on high speed as well. I was standing on the opposite side waiting for a bus to Apapa, I saw when the man crossed the first lane and just suddenly I heard this loud noise and turning towards his direction, I realised that he had just been hit by a trailer.

"This is so sad; this accident

would have been avoided if he had used the pedestrian bridge rather than cross the expressway. I have always told people that it is better to get to where ever you are going late than not to get there at all. His family members will be waiting for him to come home only to receive the news of his death," said a sympathiser at the scene.

Another sympathiser said: "I can understand when people

cross the expressway where there is no pedestrian bridge, but to choose to do so when this is in place is attempting suicide.

"We are fond of blaming everything on government, since we find it difficult to use the pedestrian bridge we should ask government to provide plane to fly us across the bridge. This is really sad and I think it is high time we addressed some of these little things that affect us collectively. Ojota and Palmgrove is the worst; you need to see how people cross there like cattle and keep blaming government; God help us all."

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