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Trader killed in road crash

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A trailer yesterday killed a trader on Iyana-Isole Bridge.

The incident occurred a few minutes after 4 p.m as the vehicle was descending the bridge.

The trailer, *The Nation* learnt, had a brake failure.



It clamped the woman's leg as she alighted from a tricycle to run to safety.

Another trailer was said to have injured a man on the same spot earlier in the day.

The woman, *The Nation* learnt, shouted after the trailer hit her, which attracted the attention of passers-by.

The trailer had crushed her to death before help got her way.

The tricycle driver escaped through the other way.

The accident led to a traffic snarl from the bridge back to Isolo.

Policemen were deployed in the area to ensure normalcy.

Officials of the Lagos State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit (SEHMU) evacuated the woman's body, which was wrapped in a big polythene bag beside the road.

Passers-by gathered to catch a glimpse of the body.

They were not deterred by the presence of the policemen, who chased some of them away to allow SEHMU officials carry out their duties.

Marked KTU 514 ER, the SEHMU ambulance was driven to the station where the children of the deceased converged.

Though they appeared calm, the children were seen discussing whether to bury the deceased yesterday or allowed SEHMU officials to keep her remains in a mortuary.

One of them, a woman said: "I am confused; I don't know what to do. Must these drivers put a faulty trailer on the road, thereby causing irreplaceable damage to road users? Why can't the driver fix the vehicle's brake before putting it on the road? See what his negligence and wicked action has cost us."

The family later agreed to get a casket at Idi-Araba for the burial of their mother yesterday.

"There's no point delaying her body and depositing it in the mortuary. We have agreed to bury her today (yesterday)," the daughter also said.

An eyewitness said the woman boarded the tricycle to Mushin in front of the Isolo campus of Lagos State Polytechnic (LASPOTECH).

She said: "The accident occurred some minutes past 4 p.m. The woman, having learnt that the brake of the trailer coming from the rear had failed and another trailer in front of the tricycle had developed a fault, tried to escape. Immediately she jumped out of the tricycle, the trailer hit her on the leg and she shouted. That was what attracted us to the scene. But before we got there, the trailer had crushed the woman. The driver escaped through his side. Both of them might have died if they had remained in the tricycle because the trailer had destroyed the tricycle beyond repair."

The trailer driver, it was learnt, manoeuvred the vehicle towards the culvert, to avoid further deaths and damage at Oye Bus Stop.

The remains of the woman were taken away for burial.

