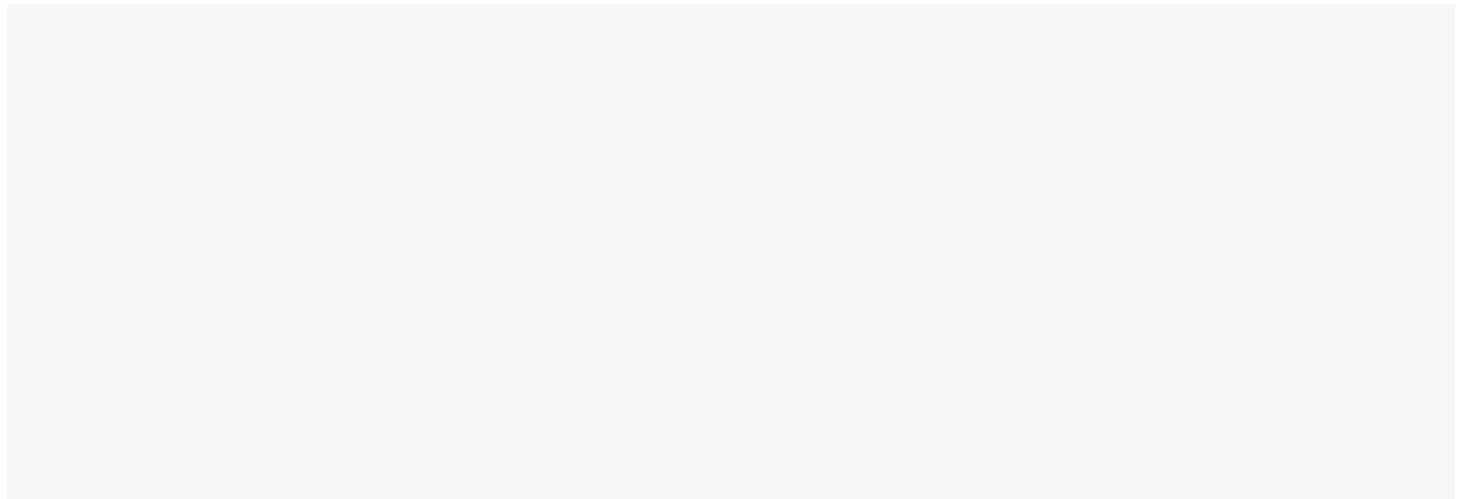


One killed, another injured in Lagos crash

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A DRIVER was on Wednesday killed while his female companion injured after multiple accidents on Otedola Bridge, Lagos.

The accident occurred around 8:30am when an articulated vehicle crushed a Toyota Hilux with registration number KRD797XN said to have veered off its lane.

It was gathered that about five other vehicles on top speed during the morning rush crashed into the scene causing complete lockdown of traffic on that part of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

Other vehicles in the accident were a DAF Truck with number LSD742XK (Lagos), Toyota Sienna bus NEN16XQ (Anambra), Ogun State Bus Mass Transit Scheme EPE679XT and a bus with registration number OGL112.

While the driver of the Toyota Hilux was said to have died on the spot, his female passenger identified as Toyin was trapped underneath the vehicles and extracted with the help of cutters and spreaders deployed by the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA).

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According to sources, the accident caused traffic standstill on both sides of the expressway as motorists on the other side parked their vehicles to watch.

Vehicles yet to arrive the bridge were advised to take alternative routes to make recovery easier for rescuers.

According to a statement by LASEMA, the adult female was handed over to LASAMBUS for first aid treatment before she was moved to the Trauma Centre.

“The yet to be identified adult male who lost his life in the incident was bagged and handed over to the State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit (SEHMU). Emergency workers ensured the accident vehicles were recovered off the road in good time to free up the Expressway,” said Nosa Okunbor, LASEMA’s Public Affairs Officer (PAO).

Okunbor said LASEMA officials also responded to distress call involving fallen articulated trucks at Idi-Oro Mushin on Tuesday evening which left motorists stranded for several hours.

He said the truck carrying a 20ft container fell as a result of bad road, adding that it took the deployment of the agency’s supermetro, while that laden with plywood was postponed due to inability to move in appropriate equipment.

The Nation reports that there was another accident there same Tuesday caused by an LT Bus with registration number AKD290XV which lost control and knocked an Opay bike (LND517QH) from the back, leaving the rider and his passenger injured.

Okunbor said: “The accident vehicle and bike were recovered to Ilupeju Police Station, while the injured victim was stabilised at the accident scene and taken to Gbagada General Hospital for further treatment.



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