

Two die, four injured in Lagos accident



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•MURIC seeks urgent action

A commercial tricyclist and a passenger died in yesterday's accident involving a container and three tricycles in Ikotun, Lagos State.

Two expectant mothers and two children were injured.

According to the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), the accident, which happened about 12:30pm, involved a fully-loaded container truck (JJJ 125) and four tricycles (AKD 690 QK; AGL 87 QF; LSD 83 QM and HEK 457 YU).

Driver of one of the mini buses (korope) and one passenger died instantly.

General Manager of LASTMA Bolaji Oreagba said the injured were handed to policemen from the Ikotun police station who took them to the General Hospital for treatment.

A preliminary investigation showed that the fully loaded container truck suffered a brake failure and crushed three tricycles by the valley around the Synagogue Church of All Nations (SCOAN).

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) immediately moved the tanker with the tricycles to Ikotun police station.

Oreagba warned tanker owners and drivers to ensure their trucks are in good condition before embarking on any journey.

Lagos State Chapter of the Muslim Rights Concern (MURIC) has urged the government to formulate a sustainable and enforceable policy that will regulate the operation and movement of tankers and heavy-duty lorries on major roads.

Chairman Dr. Busari Jamiu said the enforcement of such policies has become overdue if they already exist.

He said: "This could be done in conjunction with relevant authorities such as the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), police, Lagos State Ministries of Transportation and Justice as well as the tanker owners and drivers' associations.

"There must be a framework on how, where and when these trucks and lorries are loaded, parked and moved around to avert incessant loss of lives and properties. It is believed that a stitch in time saves nine. Therefore, Lagos State government must not wait until such tragedy is recorded again before taking a proactive step. The time to act is now."