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Riot over death of bus conductor chased by LASTMA

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THERE was riot on Monday afternoon, as commercial vehicle operators and area boys protested the death of a bus conductor, who died while his vehicle was reportedly being chased by officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management (LASTMA) at Cele Bus Stop, on Apapa-Oshodi Expressway.

It took the intervention of policemen from a nearby station to disperse the mob, who attempted to set the LASTMA office ablaze.

The crowd, however, succeeded in vandalising the LASTMA office, situated on the premises of an area office of a local government.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that trouble started on Monday afternoon, after LASTMA operatives attempted to impound a commercial bus which driver violated traffic law.

The driver, in an apparent move to escape, drove recklessly, while the conductor tried to jump out of the moving vehicle, before he crashed into the median by the road side.

The conductor reportedly died instantly, prompting an instant protest from other commercial motor drivers and conductors, who had gathered at the scene.

The crowd invaded the LASTMA office and began to vandalise equipment, before they were dispersed with gunshots by policemen.

The image maker in charge of the state police command, Kenneth Nwosu, while speaking with the Nigerian Tribune, confirmed that "there was a misunderstanding between some area boys and LASTMA officials," adding that the police had restored normalcy.

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