

3 die, many injured in Lagos, Ogun crashes

Olalekan Olabulo | Lagos
with agency report

THREE people were, on Wednesday morning, killed in two separate accidents that occurred in Lagos and Ogun states.

A commercial motorcyclist and one other person died in the Ogun accident, which happened at Ijako, along the Lagos/Abeokuta highway, while another person died in the Lagos accident, which occurred on the Otedola Bridge, along the Lagos/Ibadan highway.

Emergency responders at the scene of the Lagos

accident had to use cutters, spreaders and other equipments to bring out the trapped victims.

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) said on Wednesday that it successfully rescued an adult female stuck in the crushed Toyota Hilux with registration number, KRD 797 XN, involved in the accident.

"The incident involving five vehicles just before the Otedola Bridge inward Berger, where a yet-to-be identified adult male, driver of the Toyota Hilux, lost his life and the trapped female named Toyin, was rescued by LASEMA teams

using cutters and spreader to extricate the victims.

"The trapped adult female, who was rescued alive by the LASEMA team, was handed over to LASAMBUS, which administered first aid treatment, while ensuring she was lucid all through administration of the treatment before being transferred to the Trauma Centre by the old Toll Gate at 7up."

Recovery of the five vehicles involved in the multiple accident, which included a DAF Truck with registration number, LSD742 XK (Lagos), Toyota Sienna space bus with registration number, NEN 16 XQ (Anambra State),

Ogun State Bus Mass Transit Scheme with registration number, EPE 679 XT and a bus (OG L112), was coordinated by LASEMA's Director of Operations, Mr Akinsanya Olatunde, who ensured the accident vehicles were quickly recovered off the road for smooth flow of vehicular activities to resume.

The Ogun accident involved two trucks and two commercial motorcycles, which were both heading towards Sango from Abeokuta, the state capital.

A Mercedes truck, which was also heading towards Sango from Abeokuta, had hit another truck and in an

effort to reduce the impact, the driver swerved, and crushed two motorcycles in the process.

The rider of one of the motorcycles died on the spot, while one of the students on the second motorcycle died on the way to the hospital.

Meanwhile, the operator of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in Lagos, Primero Transport Services Limited, has said that it has zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol use by its drivers and staff.

Its managing director, Mr Fola Tinubu, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lagos on Wednesday that any driver caught using drugs

and alcohol would be dismissed automatically.

He spoke against the background of the BRT accidents on Sunday when two of the buses collided at Agric Bus-stop in Ikorodu, and the various claims on the cause of the accident.

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) had attributed the accident to recklessness on the part of one of the drivers.

Tinubu said that although the investigation as to the cause of the accidents was ongoing, the company always ensured that its drivers were physically fit and drug and alcohol-free.