

One dead, 12 injured as commercial bus crashes into culvert

'Trucks' accidents cause gridlock on Lagos roads

ONE person has been killed while 12 others sustained varying degrees of injuries in an auto accident involving a commercial Volkswagen bus, popularly called Fanagon, at Ogudu area of Lagos State.

According to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)**, the Director-General of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), Dr Femi Oke-Osanyintolu, confirmed this in a statement he issued on Wednesday.

Oke-Osanyintolu said that the bus, with registration number GGE 845XQ, was fully loaded with passengers when it was involved in a lone accident at Ogudu un-

der bridge.

He said the response team from LASEMA rescued 12 victims and evacuated the lone fatality.

Oke-Osanyintolu said: "Investigations conducted by the team revealed that the bus lost control while on speed and, as a result, rammed into the culvert at the spot."

Meanwhile, a 40-feet container truck, in the early hours of Wednesday, fell at Obanikoro in Ilupeju area, on Ikorodu Road, after hitting a lorry.

An eyewitness who preferred anonymity told **NAN** at the scene of the accident that the container-laden truck with registration num-

ber, KY 32 SD, hit the lorry with registration number AA757 NEN, while trying to overtake it.

The accident caused serious gridlock which extended to the Maryland end of Ikorodu Road.

NAN reported that security operatives and rescue teams consisting of the police, Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) and the Lagos State Emergency Management Authority (LASEMA) response teams were at the scene to ease traffic flow.

Coordinator of the LASTMA team at the scene, Mr Awodeinde Lukman, confirmed that the incident happened in the early hours

of Wednesday, saying that efforts were being made to evacuate the affected vehicles.

Lukman confirmed that no life was lost in the accident but said the driver of the truck was unconscious and had been taken to hospital for treatment.

ASP Alfred Randa of Ilupeju Police Division told **NAN** that efforts were ongoing to evacuate the vehicles from the road and to also ease traffic.

Meanwhile, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has said that another early morning accident involving two articulated trucks at the Kara Bridge end of the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, caused a total shutdown of traffic.

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