

① Again, container truck crushes two to death, injures others in Lagos

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TWO persons were on Tuesday afternoon crushed to death by a container-laden truck in the Ikotun area of Lagos State.

Four other persons, consisting of two pregnant women and two children, however, sustained varying degrees of injury before they were rescued by emergency responders deployed at the scene.

The deceased were simply identified as the rider of one

of the affected tricycles and one of his passengers.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the container truck lost control after a suspected brake failure and rammed the tricycles.

Spokesperson for the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), Adebayo Taofik, confirmed the incident in a statement made available to newsmen.

Taofik said: "Operatives of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) today [Tuesday] rescued an-

other four accident victims inside commercial tricycles at Ikotun area of Lagos.

"The accident, which occurred at about 12:30p.m. today [Tuesday], involved a fully-loaded container truck and four tricycles.

"The driver of one of the tricycles alongside one passenger died instantly."

According to LASTMA, "The four rescued victims were two pregnant women and two children.

"LASTMA's personnel immediately handed over those

rescued to policemen from Ikotun police station, who took them to the hospital for treatment."

LASTMA added that "preliminary investigation revealed that the fully-loaded container truck had a brake failure and crushed four tricycles by a valley around Synagogue when going towards Ikotun."

Personnel of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) immediately moved the tanker and the crushed tricycles to Ikotun police station.

The General Manager of LASTMA, Mr Bolaji Oreagba, therefore, warned tanker owners and drivers to always ensure that their vehicles are properly checked and in good conditions before embarking on any journey.

Meanwhile, another truck with container also fell off at Maryland, on the Odo Iya Alaro Bridge, blocking the entire road.

The development made vehicles to make U-turns to move on one-way to their destination.