

One dead, eight injured as buses collide on Lagos Third Mainland Bridge

Three killed in separate accidents on Lagos-Ibadan expressway

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ONE person was killed and eight others injured on Monday after two commercial buses were involved in a head-on collision on the Third Mainland Bridge, near Ilaje, en route Iyana-Oworonsoki.

This was revealed in a statement signed by the spokesman for the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), Adebayo Taofiq, on Monday.

According to the LASTMA

statement, the accident occurred as both buses were on high speed.

Taofiq said the swift intervention by LASTMA facilitated the rescue of eight passengers, all of whom suffered fractures.

"The injured were immediately transported to Gbagada General Hospital for urgent medical care, courtesy of the Lagos State Ambulance Services (LASAMBUS).

"Police units from Bariga and Alimosho police stations were instrumental in providing critical security support during the rescue operation, ensuring order and expediting the efforts

to restore normalcy.

"The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) reiterates its commitment to ensuring road safety and implores all motorists to strictly observe speed regulations and exercise caution while driving.

"The agency also extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased and wishes the injured swift and full recovery," the statement read.

In a related development, another accident occurred earlier on Monday, involving a Honda CRV vehicle, which

overturned on the Third Mainland Bridge near the UNILAG waterfront, also inbound Iyana-Oworonsoki.

The crash, attributed to excessive speeding, resulted in no casualty.

Taofiq said LASTMA personnel acted swiftly to clear the wreckage, preventing any further obstruction to the flow of traffic on the bridge.

Meanwhile, three persons lost their lives, while two others were injured in separate accidents that occurred at the Ibadan end of the Lagos expressway on Sunday night and Monday respectively.

A Toyota Sienna bus ran over three pedestrians at a bus stop near Academy area in Oluyole Local Government Area.

The victims, a male and two females, as reliably gathered, died on the spot.

Confirming the incident, spokesperson for the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mayowa Odeowo, said apart from the pedestrians who lost their lives, none of the passengers in the bus was injured.

Another accident was recorded on the same Lagos-Ibadan expressway at 10:15am on Monday.

The accident involved a

white commercial Mitsubishi vehicle and an ash-coloured private Ford vehicle.

Also confirming the incident, the FRSC spokesperson said 15 people were involved, including six females and nine males.

"Two people, one male and one female sustained serious injuries and were promptly taken to LAD Medical Hospital for treatment.

"Fortunately, no fatalities were recorded," Odeowo said.

He attributed the accident to loss of control and speeding, which caused the vehicles to collide on the dry, paved road in bright weather conditions.