



One killed in Lagos auto accident

THE Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), on Wednesday, confirmed the death of one person in an accident involving two trucks and motorcycles, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) has reported.

The agency's Permanent Secretary, Dr Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, who confirmed this in a statement in Lagos, said the accident occurred at Mile 2, inward Cele in Lagos.

Oke-Osanyintolu said: "Following distress calls received through the 767 and 112 emergency toll-free lines at 11:48p.m, LASEMA activated its response team from Cappa Base, Oshodi.

"Upon arrival at 12:10a.m in the overnight recovery operation, LASEMA discovered that there was an accident involving a Mack truck conveying a 40-foot container.

"The accident also involved another truck with unknown registration number and conveying large quantity of vehicle engines and two motorcycles.

"Further investigations revealed that the truck conveying vehicle engines had suffered mechanical error while in motion, leading to a collision with an incoming articulated truck and two motorcycles."

He added that the impact

of the collision resulted in sideways fall of the truck laden with vehicle engines, scattering the goods on the highway and obstructing vehicular movement.

"Impact of the collision resulted in instant loss of life of one of the yet-to-be identified motorcyclists.

"The adult male casualty had reportedly been taken to the morgue by officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) before arrival of the agency's response team.

"The second motorcyclist involved in the accident escaped the incident unscathed," he said.

The LASEMA boss said the agency's response team activated appropriate safety measures at the incident scene to forestall more accidents.

"We coordinated the recovery operation and activated necessary traffic control measures with diversion of incoming vehicles.

"LASEMA supervised evacuation of the scattered impediments – the vehicle engines – off the road with heavy-duty equipment.

"The impediments have been evacuated off the road and the trucks successfully recovered off the road.

"The road has been set free for safe vehicular activities," he said.