

Six die in auto accidents at Lagos toll gate

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ABOUT six persons lost their lives in two separate accidents at the Lagos end of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on Thursday.

While five persons died in a lone accident involving a trailer at about 3.30am, another trailer ran over a motorcycle and killed one person almost at the same spot at about 9.30am.

Our correspondent learnt that the first accident occurred when the trailer marked XL 677 KSF lost control and rammed into a concrete stand at the old toll gate.

Out of the driver and eight

others in the truck, five died on the spot while the remaining four sustained injuries.

The five victims, our correspondent learnt, included the driver and the traders accompanying the food items to Lagos in the truck. Some of them were reportedly sitting on the truck's cabin.

The charred remains of some parts of the truck and some of the corpses littered the highway.

The incident caused a heavy traffic jam at the ever busy road in the early hours of the day when workers were going to their offices.

The second accident reportedly occurred when the truck also lost control and ran over a motorcycle. While the cyclist escaped, his passenger died on the spot.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a Superintendent of Police, told our correspondent on the telephone that the remains of the victims of the two accidents had been deposited at the General Hospital, Marina.

Ojajuni said efforts were on to trace the families of the victims while police were still investigating the accidents.