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July 27, 2012 by Ayo Oluwagbemi and Sodiq Oyeleke



Scene of the accident

| credits: Ayo Oluwagbemi

A female pedestrian was crushed on Thursday morning at Kara Bus Stop, Lagos-Ibadan Expressway by a container after it fell from a moving trailer.

The trailer was heading out of Lagos around 7am when it lost one of its tyres, making the driver to lose control of the truck momentarily.

Witnesses said that as he struggled to regain control of the truck, it tipped over to its right side.

As the truck fell, it landed on the woman, who was walking beside the road, in search of a commercial bus to her destination.

The unidentified woman was said to have died instantly while a gridlock formed on the outbound Lagos side of the busy expressway.

The traffic snarl lingered for hours as it stretched down to the Ojota end of Ikorodu Road.

Traffic officials moved to the scene and were able to lift the truck and its container with a crane back on the trailer's tyres.

A first Information Report prepared by the Federal Road Safety Corps said the accident occurred at 6:55am and involved a red Mack truck with plate number XZ 637 EPE; a white Mack truck with plate number XV 500 KRD; and a white Mazda bus with registration number BWR 856 XA.

According to the report, five men and one woman were affected in the crash. It noted that the woman died while the men escaped unhurt.

The woman's corpse was taken to Bemil Mortuary, Ojodu, Lagos by an FRSC ambulance marked RS857A01.

Meanwhile, two pedestrians were hit by a car on Berger end of the same expressway around 7pm while they were trying to cross.

One of our correspondents, who visited the scene, reported that although the young man and woman did not die, they sustained varying degrees of injuries.

Some policemen on patrol quickly rushed to the scene and took the victims away.

Pedestrians have been complaining about the absence of a pedestrian bridge on the busy expressway for some time.

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• [Sam](#) July 27, 2012 at 4:55 am

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• *Omo Baba* July 27, 2012 at 5:32 am

Sam , may Shango punish you , so dont have any sympathy for the fellow that lost her life here .na advertisement you dey make.May that happen to you and your family .Ase!

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○ *aaa* July 27, 2012 at 9:53 am

pls dont be like that ...that is how wise he(Sam) is. u need to tutor him not curse... SALLAM... May her soul rest in peace...and May the govt of this country change for good...there is nothing else we can do now than to pray...Pls Visit our ports and see how

much malaise goes up there per seconds...goods are cleared without even opening the containers once u can 'settle'...the worse trucks get the packages on the road once they are owned by 'someone' and the good trucks will rotten on the stands... we can only pray...May God lead us right.

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• *UC SPEAKING* July 27, 2012 at 6:03 am

WHEN I WAS IN LAGOS DURING MY TRIP TO NIGERIA I WAS DUMB FOUNDED WHEN I SAW THE RICKETY TRAILER CONVEYING CONTAINERS.IF YOU PLY ALL MAJOR ROADS IN LAGOS STATE YOU WILL SEE CONTAINERS THAT FELL ON THE ROAD SIDES.ALL THOSE RICKETY TRAILERS ARE NOT MEANT TO BE PLYING THE ROADS AGAIN LET ALONE CARRY CONTAINERS.I WAS MADE TO BELIEVE THESE BUNCH OF OWNERS ARE UNTOUCHABLE BECAUSE THEY IN UNION.NO DATE WILL PASS WITHOUT THESE RICKETY OF VEHICLES DISCHARGING IT'S CARGO AT MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.WHEN WILL THESE MADNESS STOP.WHERE ARE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS;I MEAN POLICE,FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORP AND LASMA.WHAT ARE THERE JOBS FOR ALLOWING THIS TYPES OF TRAILER TO PLY OUR ROADS.95% OF ALL THESE VEHICLE MUST BE OFF THE ROAD IN ODER THAT THESE CARNAGE WE ARE SEEING ON OUR ROADS ON DAILY BASIS TO STOP.

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Gbenga July 27, 2012 at 7:39 am

Inasmuch as i understand your point, i think it's a collective thing to do. Everybody should be involved in their 'removal' from the highway. FRSC, LASTMA, Police cannot do it alone. It must first be put into law and pronounced before this can be enforced properly and the proper punishment meted out. Any contrary opinion?

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kunlexy July 27, 2012 at 7:16 am

sam hope u ar not heartless?

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UC SPEAKING July 27, 2012 at 8:53 am

ALL THE OWNERS OF THESE RICKETY TRUCKS AND THEIR DRIVERS MUST BE LOCKED UP AND THEIR VEHICLES DESTROYED AND ALLOW THOSE WHO ARE PREPARED TO RUN THE BUSINESS WITH WELL MAINTAINED TRAILERS TO COME ON BOARD. I DO NOT SEE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD THAT ALL THESE CARNAGE ARE HAPPENING ON THEIR ROADS AND THE GOVERNMENT IS BUSHY BURNING DOWN POOR PEOPLE HOUSES.

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• *Omo Ilu* July 27, 2012 at 9:13 am

I agree that vehicle owners should take proper care of their motors. The government should also be held responsible for the carnage on our roads. Contracts are awarded and money is paid but specified services are not delivered. It is only in this country that roads don't last for more than six months. It is a shame to those in power. We (the governed) equally have share in the blame for being docile and complacent.

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• *Francess* July 27, 2012 at 11:25 am

may soul rest in peace, also God in your mercy sanitize our country, innocent souls are dieing everyday. help us please!!!!!!

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• *Ogoo* July 27, 2012 at 12:53 pm

pls, if federal govt. will agree with me, they should bound all the trailers, 911, tanker, and the rest of other big vehicles from coming out during the day time when the road is still too busy. Let them be coming out only in the night; say from 6pm-6am for their travel and other businesses, I hope it will reduce the level of accident in Nigeria. May her soul rest in peace.

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andrew ojjezel July 27, 2012 at 3:12 pm

As this kind of incident is becoming almost everyday occurrence, I think it is time for our lawmakers to make a law that will make it mandatory for container(s)-carrying vehicles to tie the container(s), failure the driver should be sanctioned. The other time it was a camary car with the occupants that were crushed to death by a container- Government and NA members should act now-period.

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Nduka July 27, 2012 at 5:59 pm

sam are you a human being?do you have a heart?am just wondering

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[bash](#) July 27, 2012 at 10:53 pm

may her soul rest in peace

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