

Soldier knocks street sweeper down Lagos bridge

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A highway sweeper identified only as Bisi, lost her life on Wednesday after a Peugeot 406 driven by a soldier hit her, causing her to fall off a bridge in the Obalende area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the sweeper, who worked with the Lagos State Waste Management Authority, was on duty when the vehicle, which was coming from the Onikan, Ikoyi area, and was driving inwards Oworonshoki, had a flat tyre while on top speed.

The soldier was said to have lost control during which his vehicle hit the woman causing her to fall off the bridge unto Moloney Street, Obalende Bus stop

A senior official of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority, who did not want his name in print, said the incident occurred around 10.30am.

He said the victim was flung into the air and thrown over the bridge to the ground.

He said, "The vehicle was driving towards Third Mainland Bridge when it suddenly had a flat tyre. The driver lost control and hit the street sweeper who was on duty. The woman was thrown over the bridge and died immediately.

"The soldier, who was also seriously injured, was taken to a military hospital in Ikoyi while the car has been taken to Dodan barracks."

The spokesperson for LASTMA, Mr. Mamud Hassan, confirmed the accident on the telephone.

He urged motorists to always check the condition of their vehicles before driving.

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