

Three killed, 12 injured in Lagos, Ogun crashes

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Ogudu accident scene

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Three persons were killed and 12 others sustained varying degrees of injury in separate road crashes in Lagos and Ogun states on Tuesday.

In Lagos, a crash occurred when the driver of a commercial bus with number plate GGE 845 X0 lost control and rammed into the pavement of the Ogudu Bridge.

While in Ogun State, a containerised truck crushed one person to death and injured four others in multiple crashes at the Sango tollgate on the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway in the Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area.

Eyewitnesses told *PUNCH Metro* that the 14 passengers in the bus that crashed at Ogudu were trapped and it took the intervention of kind-hearted Nigerians to bring them out.

An eyewitness, who identified himself simply as Ayo, stated that sympathisers called the Lagos State emergency response numbers without any response.

He added that a few minutes after the crash, some officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority came to the scene but left almost immediately without participating in the rescue of the victims.

According to him, the injured passengers were rushed to the Gbagada General Hospital.

Ayo added, “Two of the passengers died on the way after the management of the Gbagada General Hospital referred them to another hospital.

“All the passengers were young persons of less than 30 years. At least, eight of them had their legs mangled. There was a young woman, who lost both legs.”

The Director-General, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Oluwafemi Oke-Osanyintolu, confirmed the accident and said two persons died, adding that the injured victims were rushed to the accident and emergency centres of both the Gbagada General Hospital and the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja, for treatment.

Oke-Osanyintolu stated, “Immediately the accident occurred, we activated our emergency response plan; all the key stakeholders, including the Lagos State Ambulance Service and our officials, among others, were there and we evacuated the victims to the accident and emergency centres at the Gbagada General Hospital and LASUTH, where they are receiving treatment.

“When the victims were rushed to the Gbagada General Hospital, some of them needed further treatment that could be provided only by LASUTH and that was why we evacuated them there. Two people died at the scene of the crash, while the others are receiving adequate treatment. We are investigating to ascertain the cause of the accident.”

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Bala Elkana, said he had yet to get details of the accident.

In Sango, the crashes involved five vehicles and two motorcycles and occurred around 4.49am on Tuesday as the containerised truck suffered brake failure.

The Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Ogun State Command, Clement Oladele, and the Public Relations Officer of the Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the accidents.

Oladele and Akinbiyi said in separate statements that the truck suffered brake failure and rammed into five vehicles and two motorcycles.

Oladele stated, “It was reported that the containerised truck suffered brake failure and hit the other vehicles from the rear. The truck also ran over a group of commuters waiting to board commercial vehicles at the Tollgate bus stop.

“It ended up crushing one person to death and injuring four other persons, including two motorcyclists, who were waiting to pick up passengers.”

He gave the details of the affected vehicles as a Mack truck with number plate AGL 676 CV; a yellow bus with number plate BDG 976 XF; a white bus with number plate YA 226 AAA; a yellow bus with number plate GGE 272 XY; a car with number plate KJA 555 XP; and two motorcycles with number plates LAR 355 WM and TTD 067 UJ.

Oladele added that the affected vehicles had been removed from the road, while the injured victims had been rushed to the State Hospital, Ota.

According to him, the corpse of the deceased has been deposited in a morgue in Ifo.

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