

# One dies, six injured as trucks collide

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Front entrance of National Orthopaedic Hospital, Igbobi, Lagos

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A yet-to-be identified person was killed when two trucks collided around the Kara end of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on Saturday.

Six persons, who sustained varying degrees of injury in the crash, were rushed to the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Igbobi, Lagos, and nearby hospitals for treatment.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that two trucks belonging to a firm were conveying iron sheets to a destination in Ogun State when they encountered gridlock on the expressway due to the curfew in place in the state.

In a bid to avoid ramming into the vehicles in queues, the driver of the first truck applied the brake, but the truck suffered brake failure and rammed into a vehicle ahead of it.

The second truck rammed a vehicle conveying charcoal that was in between it and the first truck, veered off its lane and crashed into another truck in its front.

An eyewitness, Muhammed Duko, said the impact of the crash caused the death of one of the three persons in the second truck, adding that the other occupants and those in the truck ahead sustained injuries and were taken to hospital.

He said, “Immediately the accident happened, we quickly rushed out and started assisting the victims, some of whom were trapped in the trucks. We had to cut parts of the trucks to rescue the victims, but it took time before we could bring out the person, who later died, because some of the iron sheets fell on him.

“He was alive when we brought him out, but died on the way to hospital. The accident happened because the two trucks suffered brake failure and rammed into other vehicles, including one that was conveying charcoal.”

Another eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, condemned the police for responding late to the crash, adding that the deceased person would have survived if help came on time.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, said, “Only one person died, but the other persons, who sustained injuries, were taken to the National Orthopaedic Hospital in Igbobi, Lagos, for treatment.”