

Truck driver dies in Lagos crash

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A yet-to-be-identified truck driver has lost his life during a crash at Agric bus stop, in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State.

The Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Dr Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, in a statement on Wednesday, said a 40ft container fell off the back of the truck during the crash, adding that the container had been removed from the road.

Oke-Osanyintolu said the suspected cause of the accident was brake failure, adding that the corpse of the driver was recovered from the scene and the truck handed over to officials of the State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit.

The statement read, "Upon the arrival of the agency's LRTs to the scene of the incident, an articulated truck conveying a 40ft container was discovered involved in a lone accident at the location.

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"The accident was attributed to a brake failure, loss of control that led to the crash of the truck and its 40ft container on the main road, hitting the BRT demarcation and pedestrian bridge pillar, which effectively shut down the entire expressway.

"The trapped truck driver in the cabin who lost his life in the incident has been extricated with light duty rescue equipment in the ongoing operation and duly handed over to officials from the State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit."

The agency directed motorists plying the axis and those with the intent of traversing the area to make use of alternative routes while the operation was ongoing.

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