

One dies in Lagos-Ibadan road crash

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Scene of the accident

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One person was confirmed dead and one other injured on Thursday when a fully loaded 40ft containerised truck rammed into five other vehicles, including a Hiace 18-seater commercial bus along Kara Bridge on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

Our correspondent gathered that the truck had a brake failure and rammed into the commercial bus, hitting five other private vehicles -a Passat Jeep with number plate AGL 323 GK; a Camry with number plate MUS 270 HE; a Volkswagen; a black Lexus Jeep, and another black Prado Jeep.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the deceased was hawking phone accessories on the bridge as of the time the accident occurred while the injured woman was one of the passengers inside the commercial bus en route to the South East.

An eyewitness, Onyekachi Dele, said the corpse of the deceased was immediately retrieved by his friends and buried around the area according to Islamic rites.

He said, “I was here this morning around 6am when a truck developed a brake failure and it hit six vehicles.

The impact of the crash threw one of the vehicles off the bridge.

Dele said, “One man selling phone accessories died instantly and his people around the other side of the bridge came and carried his corpse and buried him because he was a Muslim.”

Another eyewitness, who gave his name only as Ayo for security reasons, said, “I was hawking around the bridge when I heard people shouting. I rushed down and I saw that the truck speeding past me had hit a white bus full of people travelling to the South East, I guess.

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“A mallam hawking phone chargers died instantly but the other woman, a passenger, sitting at the back of the GUO Hiace bus was rescued. She was in pain and was quickly rushed to the Ibafo hospital.”

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority confirmed the accident in a statement by its Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department, Taofiq Adebayo.

According to the statement, the Head of LASTMA around Ojodu- Berger, Mabunmi Abisola led the rescue team to the scene of the accident and with other agencies ensured the free movement of vehicles.

“Preliminary investigation revealed that the fully loaded 40fts containerised truck developed a brake failure and crushed four other private vehicles,” the statement read.

The Ogun State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Umar Ahmed, also confirmed the accident.

He said, “The accident happened at the construction zone; a narrow section outward Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

“The vehicle that caused the problem had break failure, one street hawker was killed and an injured woman was rushed to the hospital.

“Afterwards, we embarked on a recovery of the vehicle that fell off the bridge and as I speak with you, sanity has been restored there.”