

# One killed, traffic officers recover used diapers from Lagos crash

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The accident scene

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A crash involving three vehicles consisting of a Mazda commercial bus, a tricycle, and a white Camry car, has claimed the life of a man around Mosalasi Roundabout, inward the Iyana-Ipaja area of Lagos State.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that the driver of the Camry car with number plate, KJA 351 HG, while driving at top speed, rammed into the tricycle, causing the tricycle operator to lose control and in the process, obstructed an incoming Mazda commercial bus loaded with passengers.

It was learnt that no fewer than three persons sustained varying degrees of injury in the crash as people alongside relatives of the injured victims, in an attempt to rescue the injured victims, rushed them to nearby hospitals for treatments.

The Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department, LASTMA, Taofiq Adebayo, in a statement on Monday, said one of the injured victims died before getting to the hospital, adding that General Manager, LASTMA, Bolaji Oreagba, said the accident would have been averted if the driver was not driving at top speed.

The statement said, “Operatives of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority today rescued three severely injured accident victims comprising two males and one female at Mosalasi Roundabout, inward the Iyana-Ipaja area of Lagos.

“LASTMA Akanji Wasiu (Bravo 16), who led the rescue operations confirmed that the accident involved three vehicles, a Mazda commercial bus, FKJ 88 XH, a tricycle with number plate KJA 369 QM, and a white Camry car, KJA 351 HG, on the main carriageway at the Iyana-Ipaja area of Lagos.

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“Preliminary investigation revealed that the driver of a white Camry car lost control due to excessive speeding and hit a commercial tricycle from the rear while the tricycle went off balance and obstructed another incoming fully loaded Mazda commercial bus going to Iyana-Ipaja.”

Explaining that the three rescued victims were immediately rushed to different hospitals by their relatives but, unfortunately, one of the rescued victims, a male, reportedly died on the way to the hospital.

Adebayo also noted that the vehicles involved in the accident were immediately removed from the road to avoid impeding the free flow of traffic and were handed over to policemen from the Gowon Estate Divisional Police Headquarters for further investigations.

“One of the passengers inside the commercial tricycle involved in the accident was caught with more than 100 pieces of used small children ‘diapers pampers’ with a huge sum of money of different denominations and was immediately handed over to policemen at the scene of the accident,” he added.

Adebayo said Oreagba maintained that the government had been embarking on regular public education on the dangers inherent in excessive speeding by private, commercial and truck drivers in the state.

He said, “Oreagba, however, warned every motoring public to always ensure that their vehicles are in good condition, particularly the break before driving them on Lagos roads.”