

Container crushes cart pusher in Lagos, driver flees

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A yet-to-be-identified cart pusher was crushed to death on Sunday after a container carrying stones fell on him from a truck.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority in a statement on Sunday revealed that the truck driver fled the scene after the incident.

The recovered dead body of the cart pusher was trapped under a fallen container at Goye by UBA inward the Dopemu area of Lagos, the agency noted.

LASTMA official, Badmus Abdul-Akeem, of Zone 32, Dopemu Akowonjo, who led the rescue team disclosed that the victim died instantly.

The statement read, "Preliminary investigation revealed that the driver of the container lost full concentration while dragging the road on top speed with another trailer before falling off the road, blocking the entire BRT corridor inward Dopemu.

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"He (Badmus) confirmed that while the driver of the fallen truck ran away, LASTMA officials retrieved a photocopy of his driver's licence at the accident scene.

"After noticing a trapped body underneath a fallen container, we called the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency Response Unit and policemen from the Gowon Divisional Police Headquarters for immediate rescue operations and investigations.

“While LASEMA Response Unit evacuated the fallen container off the BRT corridor, the recovered corpse was handed over to members of the Hausa community around the Dopemu area after they mobilised themselves to the scene of the accident with weapons,” LASTMA statement signed by its spokesperson, Adebayo Taofiq, stated.

The General Manager of LASTMA, Mr Bolaji Oreagba, while consoling the family of the deceased, urged truck drivers and other motoring public to always adhere strictly to safety standards while driving on highways across the state.