

Hawker, pedestrian die in Lagos road crashes

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AN unidentified female hawker has been crushed to death by a diesel-laden tanker at Otedola Bridge inward the Berger area of Lagos State.

Sunday PUNCH gathered that the truck, with number plate GME 483XD, also rammed into three moving vehicles.

The Permanent Secretary of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Dr Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, confirmed the incident, which happened on Saturday.

Oke-Osanyintolu said the hawker was crushed after the tanker developed a brake failure while in motion.

He said, "On arrival at the incident scene, it was discovered that a tanker fully laden with diesel (about 60,000 litres) was found to have crushed a female pedestrian (hawker) on Otedola Bridge inward Berger.

"Further investigation conducted by the LASEMA Response Team revealed that the articulated truck suffered a mechanical fault (brake failure) and rammed into other ongoing vehicles (Suzuki, a Toyota Camry and an Avalon), damaging the three vehicles in the process."

In a related development, a yet-to-be-identified pedestrian on Saturday lost his life in a crash on Odo Iya Alaro before New Garage inward Ojota.

This was disclosed by the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority in a tweet on its official Twitter account.

"An accident on Odo Iya Alaro before New Garage inward Ojota between a Ford Jeep and a truck; a dead body is involved, while police officers from Ogudu Police station are on the ground.

"The State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit has been contacted for the evacuation of the lifeless body. Please drive with caution on approach," the tweet read.