

Soldier, wife, others die in Lagos multiple crashes

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NO fewer than four persons have been confirmed dead in accidents that occurred in different parts of Lagos State on Monday.

Confirming one of the accidents, the Federal Road Safety Corps, Lagos State Sector Commander, Babatunde Farinloye, said a military man, his wife and a motorcycle rider died instantly at the Dantata bus stop along the Badagry Expressway.

He said, "The accident happened at the Dantata bus stop involving a military man, his wife and the bike rider who died on the spot. According to an eyewitness, the bike man was trying to ram into a private truck that was trying to run away from area boys who wanted to collect money. The body of the military man was deposited at the Ojo Cantonment Medical Rescue Centre while the bike man was taken to Badagry General



• FRSC officials evacuating the crash victims from the accident scene. Photo: FRSC

Hospital Mortuary. We want to enjoin motorists to be careful when driving to avoid accident on the road."

Videos of the multiple accidents posted on the official X handle of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority showed the vehicles with the windscreen of the tricycle and the cars damaged.

Also speaking in an interview with *PUNCH Metro*, the LASTMA Public Relations Officer, Adebayo Taofiq, confirmed the accident while adding that one of the accidents happened at about 9:00am involving a Toyota Verso car with registration number AKD-893HD who collided with a tricycle with registration number

AGL-QK at the inward Abule-Egba area of the state.

He added that the tricycle rider died as a result of the collision and was taken to the nearest hospital in the area.

Taofiq said, "The first accident happened at General inwards Abule-Egba at about 9:15am. There was a collision between a tricycle with registration number AGL-QK and a Toyota Verso with registration number AKD-893HD. Immediately the accident happened, the tricycle man died instantly and was rushed to the nearby hospital. Immediately, the two vehicles were cleared off the road to avoid gridlock."

He noted that the FRSC operatives removed the corpses from the scene.

"It was the Federal Road Safety Corps that carried the three dead bodies away from that area. Immediately the accident happened, our men contacted policemen from that area and

they provided adequate security immediately.

He urged motorists and the public to ensure their vehicles are in good shape before embarking on a journey.

"Motorists should be very cautious when driving, they should not drink while driving and also they should make sure their vehicles are in good condition before driving on the express. Motorcycle riders should also stop driving on one way in order to prevent accident. The members of the public should be careful especially during the ember months.

Hoodlums

Uthman Salami

NO fewer than six suspected hoodlums have reportedly attacked a poultry farm and kidnapped three workers in Atoyo town in the Itele area of Ogun