

Wrong-way motorcyclist killed in Lagos crash

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A motorcyclist driving in the wrong direction of the road along the Carter Bridge in the Lagos Island area of Lagos State lost his life after a collision with a moving vehicle on Thursday.

The spokesperson for the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority, Adebayo Taofiq, disclosed this in a statement on Thursday.

According to Taofiq, the motorcyclist whose identity had yet to be ascertained was knocked down by a fast-moving vehicle while the driver of the vehicle fled the scene of the incident.

The impact of the collision was said to have led to the death of the motorcyclist.

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In his words, “A devastating accident occurred today (Thursday), resulting in the tragic death of a commercial motorcyclist who was fatally injured while riding against traffic on Carter Bridge, Lagos.

“The deceased, reportedly travelling from Ebute Ero, collided head-on with a fast-moving vehicle as it ascended Carter Bridge from Illubirin. The forceful impact of the collision led to the immediate death of the motorcyclist while the vehicle driver ran away.”

He added that LASTMA officials at the scene of the incident alerted police operatives in the area to manage the situation.

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“Personnel from LASTMA promptly arrived at the scene of the accident and swiftly alerted officers from the Central Police Station at Adeniji Adele and Shemo.

“Together, they coordinated efforts to retrieve the lifeless body of the rider, while LASTMA officials handed over the motorcycle to security authorities for further investigation.”

Reacting to the incident, the LASTMA General Manager, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, emphasised the prohibition of commercial motorcycles on highways while extending condolences to the deceased’s family.

“Mr Olalekan Bakare-Oki, the General Manager of LASTMA, extended his heartfelt sympathies to the family of the deceased.

“He strongly reiterated the importance of strict adherence to traffic laws, particularly emphasising the prohibition of commercial motorcycles on highways and other restricted routes as mandated by the Lagos State Government.

“The General Manager underscored that non-compliance with these regulations not only jeopardises the safety of the riders but also endangers the lives of other road users,” Taofiq concluded.