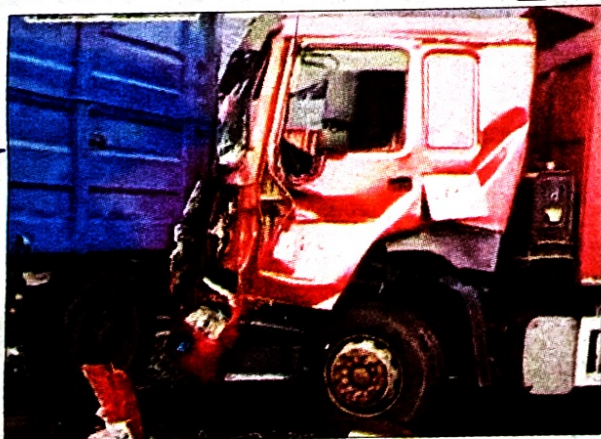


# Truck crushes pedestrian to death in Lagos

Johnson Idowu



•The accident scene death.

Iyana Ishasi U-turn inward Mile 2, involving a fully loaded Howo tipper devoid of registration details.

“Preliminary findings indicate that the Howo truck, in

an ill-fated attempt to navigate through traffic at an excessive speed, suffered a catastrophic brake failure, resulting in a complete loss of vehicular control.

“The out-of-control vehicle tragically veered off its path and struck an innocent pedestrian walking along the roadside, causing instantaneous fatality.”

Reacting to the incident, the General Manager of LASTMA, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, reiterated the need for motorists to always adhere to traffic rules.

Bakare-Oki who spoke through Taofiq, extended the agency’s condolences to the family of the deceased.

“Expressing deep sorrow over the unfortunate incident, the General Manager of LASTMA, Mr Olalekan Bakare-Oki, extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, praying for

divine fortitude to withstand this irreplaceable loss.

“In his admonition, Mr Bakare-Oki reiterated the imperative for all motorists to always uphold safety consciousness. He underscored the critical need for meticulous vehicle maintenance and strict adherence to traffic regulations to avert such avoidable tragedies.

“The LASTMA administration is committed to fostering road safety, ensuring seamless traffic management, and minimizing accidents across Lagos State,” Taofiq stated.

PUNCH Metro reported on Monday that two persons were killed in multiple accidents that occurred in some parts of the Lagos and Ogun states on Monday.

Six others also sustained varying degrees of injuries in

the accidents that occurred on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Third Mainland Bridge and Fadeyi areas of Lagos State.

While one person died in the Ogun crash, another died in the Lagos crash including six persons who were injured.

## Three to die by hanging

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THE Delta State High Court sitting in Ibusa has sentenced three persons to death for killing the traditional ruler of Ubulu-Uku kingdom, Obi Edward Akaeze Ofulue 111, nine years after his death.

The three defendants, Suleiman Musa 2nd, Garba Abubakar 3rd, and Haruna 4th, were sentenced to death by hanging while the 1st defendant, Jemilu Ahmed, was jailed for five years and 14 years respectively.

Obi Ofulue was in January 2016 murdered after he was kidnapped by gunmen along the



•A gavel

Ubulu-Uku-Obior Road.

In her judgement, the presiding judge, Justice M. O Omovie, held that the prosecution had proved beyond