

# Again, two killed in Lagos, Ogun auto crashes

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Barely 48 hours after two separate accidents in Lagos and Ogun states left one person dead and six others injured, a yet-to-be-identified driver and a pedestrian have lost their lives in two separate accidents that occurred along the Lagos-Ibadan and Lagos-Abeokuta expressways on Wednesday.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the driver had died after ramming into a moving truck along the secretariat area of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway while the pedestrian was knocked by a wrong-way driver along the Ifo area of the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway on the same day.

The spokesperson for the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority, Adebayo Taofiq, who confirmed the incident in a statement on Wednesday, said the accident occurred due to brake failure and excessive speeding.

Taofiq noted that the deceased had been trapped in the wreckage caused by the impact of the collision.

He said, “The unfortunate incident involved a minibus, commonly referred to as “Korope,” which collided with a moving long truck due to brake failure resulting from excessive speeding.

“The severe impact left the driver of the minibus trapped within the wreckage. However, the swift and coordinated intervention of LASTMA officers ensured the immediate rescue of other passengers, all of whom emerged unscathed.

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“In a collaborative effort, LASTMA officers, alongside LASAMBUS personnel and FRSC officials, worked relentlessly to extricate the trapped driver. Regrettably, despite their commendable efforts, the driver was recovered lifeless. His remains were subsequently handed over to FRSC personnel by LASTMA officers.”

In another update sent to our correspondent by the spokesperson for the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency, Babatunde Akinbiyi, a pedestrian was knocked down by a wrong-way driver along the Ifo axis of Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway on Wednesday.

According to Akinbiyi, the traffic-violating driver was unmindful of the pedestrian who was attempting to cross the road.

The impact of the collision led to the pedestrian’s death.

“A fatal accident at Royal Inbound Abeokuta on Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway involving a pedestrian knocked down at the accident spot as he was trying to cross the road.

“The victim was taken to Ifo state morgue before our arrival by the FRSC while, TRACE and Papa are on the ground to move the truck away from the road to police custody for further investigation,” Akinbiyi said.