

Sleepy driver kills one, injures three in Easter Day crash

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One person lost his life while three others sustained varying degrees of injuries in an accident that occurred along the Saapade axis of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on Easter Sunday.

PUNCH Metro learnt through a traffic update by the Commandant General of the Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency, Seni Ogunyemi, on Sunday, that the accident occurred at about 6am.

Ogunyemi disclosed that the accident happened when the driver of a Howo truck fell asleep at the wheel, causing it to crash into the median along the expressway.

The impact of the crash led to the death of one of the four occupants of the truck, while the remaining three sustained injuries.

He said, “A fatal road traffic crash occurred at km 67, Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Fidiwo axis inbound Lagos on Sunday at about 05:49hrs.

“It involved a Howo truck with the number plate T2358LA. The accident happened when the driver fell asleep while in motion and lost control.

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“Four adult males were involved in the crash; one adult male died while three adult males were injured.”

He concluded that the accident caused slight traffic congestion, which was brought under control by TRACE operatives.

PUNCH Metro had earlier reported on Saturday that two separate accidents, which occurred on Easter Saturday along the Oru/Ijebu-Igbo Road and Sagamu-Ikorodu Expressway in Ogun State, left four people dead.

Our correspondent gathered from TRACE PRO Babatunde Akinbiyi that the first accident occurred at about 7 a.m. in the Odorasanyin area near the VIO office in Ijebu-Igbo.

The impact of the collision led to the trucks catching fire, and three of the four occupants were burnt to death, while one person lost his life in a motorcycle crash along the Ikorodu-Sagamu Expressway on the same day.