

# LASTMA

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Lagos, southwest Nigeria.

While he was speaking on the collection of illegal levies by unscrupulous individuals in the state, he disclosed such act of corruption led to the sack of 400 LASTMA officials in the last one week as the government would not condone illegality.

The LASTMA officials were sacked over various acts of misconduct, such as extortion, dereliction of duty, disrespect to constituted authorities, fighting on the road and failing to comport themselves properly while discharging their duties.

The sack cuts across the senior and junior categories of the officials.

Governor Babatunde Fashola had been warning unscrupulous officials of LASTMA to stop misbehaving or be prepared for the way out.

However, Shodipo admitted that there were many illegal levies being collected in Lagos State, while he cited his personal experience at the Kuramo Beach where some touts claiming to be representatives of Iru/Victoria Island Local Council Development Areas, LCDA wanted to collect illegal parking fee from him.

He said he had to call the taskforce to arrest the culprits but that they ran away before the taskforce could get to the scene.

"I know that not everyone will have access to this taskforce but it points to the fact that we know we have a few bad eggs working against us among us and we are also working to fish them out and prosecute them," he stated.

According to him, "these people use cell texts, cannot



**\*Parents at the Ejigbo school where a car crushed five pupils and a pregnant woman to death this morning. Inset: The Toyota Camry car that killed the victims. PHOTOS: OLUWASANMI JOSEPH and CYRIACUS IZUEKWE.**

## TRAGEDY: Car Kills 5 Pupils, Pregnant Woman

**CYRIACUS IZUEKWE**

**A tragic incident occurred this morning at Ejigbo Model Primary School, Lagos when a Toyota Camry car ran over the school pupils during assembly and killed at least five of them. Several children were also injured.**

**Also killed was a pregnant woman who brought her child to school.**

**The car with registration number Abuja HH 745 ABC**

**belonged to the school head mistress who is now in police custody.**

The incident happened at 7.50 am during the school's assembly. *P.M.NEWS* gathered that the car's brake failed and it ran over the pupils.

Following the incident, parents ran to the school crying and wailing and looking for their children.

The police at Ejigbo Division led by DPO, CSP Adeola swiftly intervened to prevent a break

down of law and order. The school was shut immediately.

The corpses of the victims have been deposited at Isolo General Hospital mortuary and those who sustained injuries have been taken to various hospitals.

The Education Secretary in Oshodi-Isolo council, Hon. Lekan Alausa Adekoya, who was at the scene of the incident, said no life was lost and said the incident must not be reported.

He warned that if *P.M.NEWS* reports that pupils died, he would go to LTV 8 to counter the report.