

# The Lifeline

## Flyover triggers hardship in Lagos community

• Residents bemoan rising deaths, others, seek Ambode's help

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**RESIDENTS** of the Ajah area of Lagos State are angry that many people have been killed lately around the Jubilee Bridge, Ajah, along the Lekki-Epe Expressway.

The deaths, they noted, followed the closure of a popular link road by the new flyover. They lamented that among the recent victims were a pregnant woman and a commercial motorcyclist.

Some of the residents, who spoke with *Daily Sun*, claimed that the pregnant woman and the motorcyclist lost their lives

at the foot of the bridge. They were run over by vehicles whose drivers were driving against traffic.

Residents, road users and traders in the community are of the view that the flyover in their area has turned to a death trap and a safe haven for criminals, just as it has increased traffic worries.

Relaying a litany of recent tragic incidents barely six months after the Lagos State government constructed the flyover, residents, traders and commuters bemoaned the facility, insisting that it has caused them more harm than good.

One of the residents, Calistus, who claimed to have lived in the area for more than 20 years, lamented that, since the closure of the link road, gridlock has become a daily headache, which everyone has been left to deal with.

"Apart from the pregnant woman and the commercial motorcyclist who were killed lately, I have personally witnessed many other deaths here.

"Since NEPA Road was closed from the expressway during the construction of the bridge, vehicles that used the link road to connect other destinations in time can

A part of Ajah

no longer do so. Now, everybody has to get to Ado-Badore Junction to either link other places or make a U-turn.

"As a result of this, some unruly motorists and commercial motorcyclists have resorted to driving against the traffic, especially at night, injuring and killing pedestrians," he said.

Other residents also lamented the development, describing it as frustrating and requiring urgent attention from the state government. They claimed that the situation always got worse anytime it rained.

