

3 die in auto crash in Lagos

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Tragedy struck yesterday in Lagos as three people lost their lives in an auto crash that occurred at Second Rainbow, inward Mile 2 along Oshodi-Apapa Expressway.

The accident that occurred at about 6 am when a fully loaded tanker carrying black oil experienced brake failure, leading to a devastating multi-vehicle collision.

The tanker collided with two Volkswagen Commercial buses and a Honda car with registration number :KTU 223 GH, resulting in the tragic loss of three lives.

According to Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LATSMA), Adebayo Taofiq, "The victims, all passengers in one of the Volkswagen buses, succumbed to their injuries at the scene.

"In response to the emergency, officers from LASTMA, who swiftly arrived and took control of the situation handed over two of the deceased to security personnel from the Festac Police Station, who provided a secure perimeter for emergency operations. One of the victims' families was present and took custody of his loved one.

"Other emergency responders at the scene of the accident included :Lagos State Fire Services and LASMBUS. The General Manager of LASTMA, Mr. Olalekan Bakare-Oki, expressed his profound sympathies to the bereaved families.

"He urged tanker drivers to strictly adhere to speed limits and place the highest priority on road safety, especially when operating vehicles carrying hazardous materials.

"We are deeply saddened by this unfortunate loss of life. It is imperative that every driver, particularly those operating heavy-duty vehicles, remains vigilant and cautious at all times. Speed and safety must never be compromised on our roads".