

Many feared dead as container falls on motorists

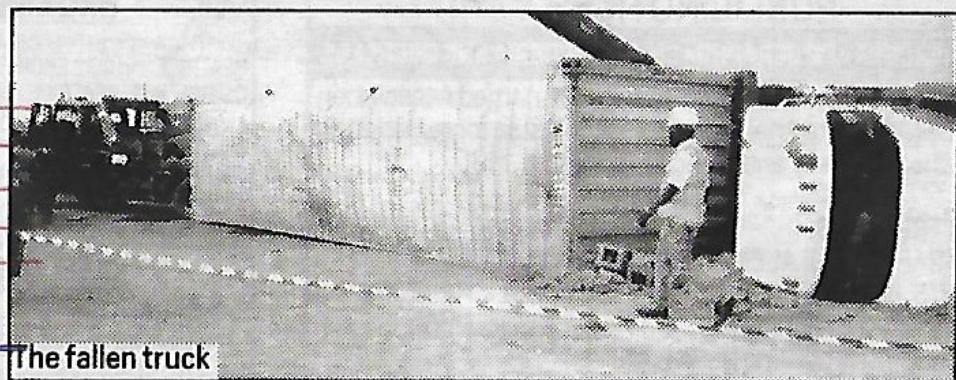
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2 Several people were feared dead yesterday when a truck carrying container lost control and fell on motorists, commercial motorcyclists and their passengers on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

For many hours, motorists, pedestrians and commuters had a hectic time evacuating trapped bodies of victims.

The accident occurred at Aseese bus stop near Ibafo area early in the morning.

At the time of filing this report, the exact number of the victims could not be ascertained but witnesses said that



The fallen truck

more than five persons were still trapped.

Sympathisers wept profusely as bodies of mangled victims were extricated under the fallen container. Hundreds of motorists and others watched the recovery operation helplessly.

The rescue operation took a while as staff of Julius Berger Plc, the contractor handling

the rehabilitation of the expressway, moved cranes of different capacities to the scene in order to lift the container off the victims.

The accident caused a gridlock which locked down the expressway for hours. Those heading to Ibadan axis and those moving inward Lagos were held in the traffic.