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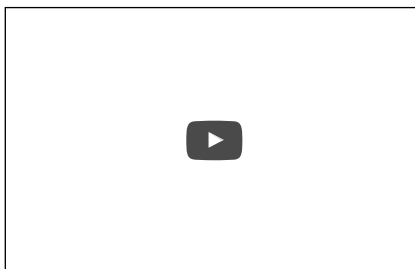
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One dies, driver injured as trailer crashes

May 24, 2017 Camillus Nnaji



An assistant driver of a trailer lost his life yesterday while the driver was seriously injured when the vehicle crashed on Ojota Bridge on the Ibadan-Lagos Expressway. Officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) said the trailer, marked LSD 379 XT, crashed owing to over speeding.



The accident caused gridlock as early as 5.30 a.m., which spread to Berger and Ikeja. It also affected movement of traffic to the Lagos Island. The Ojota Unit Commander, FRSC, Mr. Yusuf Lateef, an Assistant Corps Commander, said that the driver lost control of the trailer owing to over speeding.

Lateef said as soon as the accident occurred he deployed all his marshals to the scene to evacuate the victims to the hospital. He said: "The conductor was killed instantly, while the driver was injured. It was over speeding which caused the accident.

The container on the trailer was not latched. It detached from the trailer and fell. "FRSC, in collaboration with other sister traffic agencies, controlled the traffic. I want to use this medium to advice all drivers of articulated vehicles to ensure their trucks are in good condition before embarking on journeys."

A witness said the accident occurred because the driver was sleeping on the steering. He said: "It would have resulted in a multiple accidents. But the trailer was far off from other vehicles when it fell."

The body of the deceased was taken to the mortuary by policemen from Alapere Police Division, while the injured driver was rushed to the Lagos State Accident and Emergency

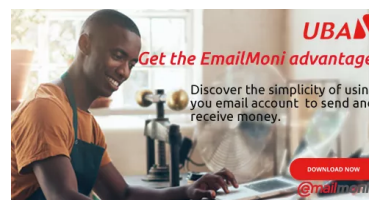
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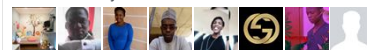
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