

Container-laden truck falls over, kills cart-pusher in Lagos

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A container-laden truck yesterday fell on a cart pusher and killed him on the spot at the Dopemu area of Lagos State.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), spokesperson, Mr. Adebayo Taofiq in a statement said the cart pusher's body was recovered under the fallen container at Goye, by the United Bank of Africa (UBA), inward Dopemu area of the state.

Taofiq said a LASTMA official, Badmus Abdul-Akeem 'Zebra', Zone 32, Dopemu Akowonjo, who led the rescue team, disclosed that the fallen container was fully loaded with concrete stones.

He, however, disclosed further that preliminary investigation revealed that the driver of the container lost full concentration while

driving on top speed with another trailer before falling off the road, blocking the entire BRT corridor inward Dopemu. He confirmed that while the driver of the fallen truck ran away, LASTMA officials retrieved a photocopy of his driver's licence at the accident scene.

Taofiq said: "After noticing a trapped body underneath a fallen container, we called the LASEMA Response Unit (LRU) and Police men from Gowon Divisional Police Headquarters for immediate rescue operations and investigations.

"While LASEMA Response Unit (LRU) evacuated the fallen container off the BRT corridor, the recovered dead was handed over to members of the Hausa community around Dopemu area after they mobilised themselves to the scene of the accident with dangerous weapons."