

LAWMA Staff Crushed to Death

An unidentified female street sweeper working with the Lagos State Waste Management Agency (LAWMA) was crushed to death yesterday at Ojota by a lorry fleeing from Lagos State Traffic Management Agency (LASTMA) officials.

This came on a day the Senior Special Assistant (SSA) to Lagos State Governor Babatunde Fashola on Media, Alhaji Hakeem Bello, narrowly escaped death in a multiple auto accident involving the governor's convoy.

THISDAY investigations revealed that the driver of the lorry was stopped by LASTMA officials for violating traffic rules and during the ensuing scuffle, he tried to escape, thus hitting pedestrians in the process. The lorry, eye witnesses said, violated traffic rules by plying the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lane at the Ojota area of the state and efforts to stop him, proved fatal for all concerned.

Managing Director of

● Fashola's aide escapes by the whiskers

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LAWMA, Mr. Ola Oresanya, confirmed the story, stating that the victim had already finished her duty on the road and was about going before the unfortunate incident.

The accident involving

Fashola's convoy occurred at Mushin Olosa bus stop while the governor was returning from the official inauguration of a skill acquisition centre in Mushin.

Fashola's convoy was said to be heading for Tafawa Balewa Square (TBS) for another official assignment when Bello's official Toyota car with registration

number: LA 560 AO1 hit the Ford Everest SUV with registration number: LAGH 13 belonging to Fashola's photographer, popularly called Lukesh, from the rear.

Confirming the accident which caused heavy traffic from Olosa to Mushin bus stop, Bello said, "I was on phone when I heard the sudden noise and what I saw was my car damaged."

Britain Expresses Confidence in Nigeria

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try, noting that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) had done a good job.

Bellingham, who stated these during a visit to Leventis Motors, a division of the A.G Leventis Nigeria Plc., in Apapa to assess the state of the partnership between the company and JCB, a British firm, said Nigeria's economy growing at seven per

cent and expected to hit 12 per cent after successful general elections in April, portends a bright future for the country. He also commended the reforms in the power sector, saying if corruption could be totally eliminated and good governance entrenched, there is surely hope for the youths of the country.

While commending what he described as the entrepreneurial spirit at A.G Leventis Group, he

British Parliamentary Under Secretary for Trade at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Hon. Henry Bellingham, yesterday in Lagos, expressed confidence in the Nigerian economy, saying he was impressed by what he had seen since he arrived Nigeria few days ago.

He also expressed satisfaction with the just concluded voter registration exercise in the coun-