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Motorcyclist killed in Eko Bridge accident

A motorcyclist was feared dead on the Eko Bridge in Lagos after he was hit by a motorist and flung 20 metres down to the marshy bank of the lagoon at Ijora-Olopa.

An eye witnesses told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), that the motorcyclist was riding towards Lagos Island while a Peugeot 505 car, traveling in the opposite direction, lost control, crossed the median and hit him.

“The impact flung the motorcyclist over the barriers on the bridge and he landed, head first, in the muddy edge of the lagoon, while his bike remained up there,” said

Akanji Adetiba, who witnessed the accident. Adetiba told NAN that the motorist, who immediately abandoned his car and ran away, must have had trouble with the vehicle mechanisms as he was noticed to be struggling with it before the incident.

The identity card of the motorcyclist, who was alone on the machine, showed that he was a senior driver with a company in Matori area of Lagos mainland.

According to NAN, one of the sympathisers at the scene used the victim's handset, which was not damaged, to alert some of the stored numbers on it.

Officials of the Lagos State Transport Management Authority (LASTMA), later arrived at the scene and evacuated the body to the morgue.

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