

Woman Crushed  
Lagos Airt

# Fleeing truck driver kills woman at Tin-Can Port

*As clearing agents, truck drivers protest illegal toll*

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**L**AGOS—TRAGEDY struck yesterday at the Tin-Can Island Port, in Apapa area of Lagos, after a lady was crushed to death by a truck which driver was trying to escape from security personnel over the former's refusal to pay a toll at the gate.

The incident, sparked off a protest as clearing agents and truck drivers took to the road, protesting what they

described as illegal collection of toll by security agents comprising those from the Nigeria Ports Authority and Tin-Can Ports Police Command.

The protesters claimed the security agents usually collected N200 from big trucks and N100 for small trucks at both entering and exit.

Eye witnesses said the deceased whose identity could not be immediately ascertained was hawking when the unexpected happened. Driver of the truck, said to have escaped from the scene, was driving into the Port when he was accosted by the security agents who demanded for the sum of N200.

He reportedly refused to pay, maintaining that it was illegal and attempted to drive off. But the security agents reportedly chased him and in the process of trying to manoeuvre his way, he rammed into the female hawker who was standing on the pavement.

When *Vanguard* arrived the scene, the body of the hawker had been taken away.

Public Relations Officer of the Tin Can Island Port Complex, Mr. Segun Adesanya, confirmed the incident to reporters, stating that the truck driver drove against traffic as security operatives attempted to arrest him, and he ran over the woman, killing her instantly.



From left: Mr. [Name] of Assembly; Mr. [Name] and Mrs. Joke C. [Name] Bill into law by

## Fashola budget

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**L**AGOS—GOVERNOR Babatunde Fashola presented the 2013 appropriation bill of N499.105 billion into the Lagos State House of Assembly as he charged Ministers, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), to strengthen Internal Generated Revenue (IGR) strategies.

The budget figure showed an increase of N1.5 billion from the 2012 budget presented by Fashola to the State House of Assembly on October 31st, 2012.

It will be recalled that the governor presented a proposal of N497.277 billion to the State House of Assembly for the 2013 fiscal year.

Fashola who gave his message to the budget tagged 'Investment in Poverty Eradication and Economic Growth,' at the Lagos State House, Alausa, Ikeja, said that the budget could be achieved when the government earns the required revenue within the fiscal year.

According to him, "I am not how quickly the budget was passed or assented to, but what is important is that this administration is rigorously the budget implemented for the development of the state, especially to improve the standard of living of residents of Lagos state."

"And all these can be achieved without the sacrifice and commitment of the women in the State Service. So it is time for servants to lace up the