

Fallen container laden truck kills one in multiple auto-crash in Lagos

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Tragedy occurred late Thursday evening during the ongoing restriction of movement order, when two fallen 20feet container laden trucks, a private tow truck and a towed Toyota Sienna involved in a multiple road crash along Apapa-Oshodi Express Road, en route Cele Bus Stop, inward Oshodi, Lagos, killing one yet be identified man on the spot.

According to a source, the accident which claimed the life of a truck assistant of a private tow truck, occurred when the tow truck broke down along the Apapa – Oshodi Express Road, inward Oshodi, while efforts were being made to repair it, a faulty articulated truck conveying two 20feet containers which was on top speed, suddenly developed mechanical problems (brake failure), and rammed into the parked tow truck and the towed vehicle.

The ill-fated vehicles have all been evacuated by officials of Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, LASEMA, from the road, placed on a layby and handed over to members of the Nigerian Police Force present at the incident scene.

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The multiple accidents also left the towed Sienna damaged beyond recognition after the two units of 20feet containers fell off the articulated truck conveying them, onto the other vehicles on the impact of the crash, then eventual recovery of all

vehicles involved, utilising LASEMA's heavy-duty equipment (Crane), to set the road free for vehicular activities.

According to Director-General, LASEMA, Dr Femi Oke-Osanyintolu, "Preliminary report gathered at the scene of the incident revealed an accident which involved a truck with registration number APP 444 XV conveying twin 20fts containers and a Toyota Sienna Bus with registration number SMK 22 AV which is being towed by a private towing truck with an unknown registration number.

"Further investigations revealed that the tow truck broke down along the above-mentioned corridor and efforts were being made by the operators to fix it before the truck which was on top speed suddenly developed brake failure and rammed into the tow truck and the towed vehicle.

"Unfortunately, the two containers fell off the truck and landed on the Toyota Sienna and the tow truck, killing the truck assistant of the truck at the spot and damaged the Sienna beyond recognition.

"However, the commodity has been evacuated by the Nigerian Police, Ijesha division before the arrival of LASEMA Response Team."