

Lagos-Badagry Exp: Truck crushes Okada rider, 2 passengers to death

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Tragedy struck in Lagos, yesterday, when a truck crushed the rider of a commercial motorcycle, popularly called Okada, and two passengers to death, while riding on direction prohibited by law, otherwise called 'one-way' on the Lagos-Badagry Expressway.

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, recently, arrested some lawless Okada riders, including a soldier, while riding against the flow of traffic along the expressway, eliciting mixed reactions from members of the public.

The General Manager of Lagos State Traffic Management Agency, LASTMA, Mr. Olalekan Bakare-Oki, while warning truck drivers to stop over speeding, however, appealed to motorcycle operators to stop plying 'one-way', including all restricted routes across the state.

Meanwhile, the crash, which happened by Barracks Bus-Stop, along Lagos-Badagry Expressway, saw operatives of LASTMA recovering the bodies trapped under an empty long 'Man-Diesel' truck.

The Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department of LASTMA, Mr. Taofiq Adebayo, confirmed that the deceased were passengers on a motorcycle riding 'one-way'.

"While these two motorcycle passengers died instantly, the rider later died at a hospital around Satellite Town," Adebayo said.

"Preliminary investigations revealed that a truck driver while on a top speed lost control as a result of a rear busted tyre and rammed into a motorcycle plying one-way by Barracks Bus-Stop inward Iyana-Iba along Lagos-Badagry Expressway."