Three dead, three injured as oil tanker crashes into vehicles in Lagos



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Tragedy struck on Sunday afternoon when at least three people lost their lives, and three others sustained various injuries in a horrific multi-vehicle crash at Second Rainbow, along the Oshod Apapa Expressway in Amuwo Odofin Local Government Area of Lagos State.

According to an eyewitness, who wished to remain anonymous, the incident occurred at about pm on Sunday. The crash, which happened at Second Rainbow, inward Mile 2, involved an oil tanker, two commercial buses, a Honda car with registration number KTU223GH, and two commercial motorcyclists, popularly known as Okada.

Meanwhile, a Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) officer from the Isolo Unit Command, who confirmed the accident under anonymity, said only two persons died in the crash.

According to the officer, "the incident occurred after a tanker driver suddenly lost control due t brake failure before crashing into a car and a commercial bus whose registration numbers coul not be ascertained at press time."

"Apparently, the truck suddenly developed brake failure and in the process crashed into those two vehicles. In the ensuing confusion sympathisers carried some bodies out of the vehicles. A least four or six from the wreckages," an eyewitness narrated.

The injured were immediately rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Olalekan Bakare-Oki, General Manager of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), confirmed that three people died in the unfortunate accident, while three others who sustained injuries were taken to hospital for treatment.

Bakare-Oki said the vehicles involved had been moved away from the road to allow for free flow of traffic in the area.