

3 Die, Others Injured, In Oyo Auto Crash, Fire Incident

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Oyo State Police Command has confirmed the death of two people in an auto crash on the Ibadan-Lagos Expressway on Saturday night.

The command's spokesperson, Ayanlade Olayinka, who confirmed the accident yesterday, said the command was aware of a tragic multiple motor/pedestrian accident which occurred at Soka Junction, Ibadan.

"The command regrets to confirm that two persons lost their lives, while several others sustained varying degrees of injuries," Olayinka said.

He added that the accident

also involved multiple vehicles, including a Toyota Venza and a BMW.

He said preliminary findings revealed that the accident was caused by a white HOWO truck with registration number Gombe GEM696XE, driven by one Abdullahi Bashiru 'm'.

He said the driver reportedly lost control of the vehicle due to reckless driving and excessive speed, ramming into other vehicles and pedestrians.

He said the state's commissioner of police, Abimbola Olugbenga, commiserated with the families of the deceased and prayed for the quick recovery of the injured victims.

Meanwhile, the Oyo State Fire Services Agency has recovered a male victim and rescued nine persons from a gas fire incident which occurred on Saturday in different parts of the state.

The special adviser on Fire Service Reform/Chairman Fire Services Agency, Moroofo Akinwande, who confirmed the incidents yesterday, said the male victim was recovered in a fire incident opposite Omo Ajorosun, along Total Garden, while the other was at no 18 Idi Oro Road (A) Sode along Ajibode.

According to him, the distressed call was reported at exactly 14:39 hours and 14:13 hours on Saturday.