

Two killed in Lagos-Ibadan Expressway crash

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The accident scene. Photo: TRACE

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Two yet-to-be-identified occupants of a vehicle have lost their lives in a road crash along the Isara-Remo area of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

PUNCH Metro learnt on Monday from a traffic report by the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency that the accident occurred at about 3am.

According to the report, the two passengers of a Suzuki bus were discovered by TRACE operatives and police officers at about 7am.

The update noted that investigations revealed that the vehicle may have crashed into a broken-down truck along the expressway.

The report identified the accident vehicle as a Suzuki bus with the registration number KRD 194 JW.

The report read, “A lone fatal RTA/RTC occurred at the Isara-Remo/Erimobi Bridge area, inbound Lagos, along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

“According to a security guard of a nearby company, he heard a sound at midnight but did not know what had happened until he saw TRACE and police officers this morning.

“From our investigation, we believe there was a broken-down vehicle on the road, which the Suzuki bus hit from the rear as a result of excessive speeding.”

The report noted that two people were involved in the crash and both lost their lives.

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The bodies of the deceased were said to have been deposited at the Isara-Remo General Hospital, while the accident vehicle was towed to the police station in the area.

“The corpses have been deposited at the State General Hospital, Isara-Remo.

The accidented Suzuki bus has been towed to Papa Oscar’s cage at the Isara-Remo Police Station for further investigation,” the report added.

Confirming the incident on Monday, the TRACE spokesperson, Babatunde Akinbiyi, expressed condolences to the deceased’s families.

He warned motorists against excessive speeding while stressing the agency’s commitment to ensuring safer highways during the yuletide season.

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As the yuletide season draws near, fatal road crashes are on the increase, especially along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

PUNCH Metro reported on October 31 that a police inspector and four others were killed in a multiple collision at the Kara Bridge area of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, an incident that emergency responders at the scene blamed on speeding and brake failure.

The accident occurred barely 24 hours after a driver was hospitalised following a collision between two trucks at the Otedola Bridge section of the same expressway.

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