

Two killed, six injured in Ogun road crashes

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Scene of one of the crashes

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Two separate road crashes along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway and the Atan area of Ogun State have left two people dead and six others injured.

PUNCH Metro learnt in a telephone conversation on Thursday with the spokesperson for the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency, Babatunde Akinbiyi, that the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway crash occurred on Wednesday night.

Akinbiyi said a truck dangerously overtook other vehicles, resulting in a collision involving multiple vehicles.

He said the impact of the collision led to the death of one person and injuries to six others.



Akinbiyi said, “The vehicles involved are a Toyota Sienna with registration number KWL 889 XC; two J4 vehicles with registration numbers KTU 130 TL and AKD 428 YH; and a Sino Truck belonging to the Dangote Group with registration number OBJ-CNG14C-030.

“According to eyewitness accounts, the Dangote truck was wrongly overtaking other vehicles, which resulted in a collision involving the listed vehicles.

“Seven male adults were involved in the crash. Six sustained injuries, while one male adult died.”

He added that the deceased was recovered dead from the wreckage and deposited at the Idera Hospital morgue, while the injured victims were taken to Famobis Hospital by officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps.

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In another incident, Akinbiyi said an accident at Atan Junction in the Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area of the state left one person dead on Thursday afternoon.

He noted that the rider of an unregistered motorcycle allegedly attempted to overtake a cement-laden truck, resulting in a collision.

Akinbiyi said, “According to eyewitness accounts, the crash was caused by wrongful overtaking and impatience on the part of the motorcycle rider.

“Three people were involved in the accident, including the motorcycle rider, who lost his life.

“The deceased has been claimed by his relatives, while the truck and the motorcycle involved have been taken to the police yard for further investigation.”

He extended the agency's condolences to the families of the deceased and injured victims and urged motorists to always drive with caution.

“While TRACE, the FRSC, and the police commiserate with the families of the dead and injured, motorists are once again advised to avoid night travel, wrongful overtaking, and reckless or dangerous driving, given the attendant consequences,” Akinbiyi said.