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Four die in Akure road crash

THURSDAY, 03 MARCH 2011 00:00 **BABATOPE OKEOWO**



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NO fewer than **four** persons were killed in a [fatal auto crash](#), which occurred at [Kilometre 5, Akure/Owo Road](#), Akure, the Ondo State capital, yesterday.

The accident involved a [Peugeot 504 station wagon car](#) and a petrol [tanker belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation \(NNPC\)](#).

It caused traffic gridlock for several hours on the [ever-busy road](#).

Eyewitnesses told reporters that the driver of the Peugeot car, with registration number Edo BT 850 BEN, who was heading towards the Akure Airport, drove and overtook other vehicles recklessly.

The tanker, marked Gombe XG 353 GME, was heading towards [Akure](#).

One of the witnesses said while the car driver was overtaking other vehicles, he suddenly saw the tanker, said to be on its own lane, and applied the break, making one of the back tyres to burst.

This, according to a witness, made the car to somersault several times before it hit the tanker that crushed it.

It was gathered that while three of the occupants of the vehicle died on the spot, the fourth passenger gave up the ghost on the way to the State General Hospital, Akure.

Men of the Federal **Road** Safety Corps (FRSC) had to a hectic time evacuating the bodies from the

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However, the identities of the victims were yet to be ascertained as at press time.

The spokesman of the State Police Command, Adeniran Aremu, confirmed the accident and said the bodies of the victims have taken to the morgue.

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