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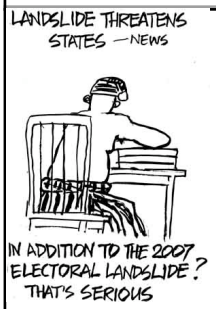

Ondo: 7 killed in motor accidents

Sunday Kudaisi, *Akure*

Two ghastly auto accidents ushered in the 'ember' months in Ondo State at the weekend leaving seven people dead.

The accidents were recorded in Akure, the state capital and Emure-Ile in Owo area.

Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) in the state, Ahmed Hassan, who confirmed the incidents, said a woman who was receiving telephone calls while driving caused the Akure accident.

According to Hassan, the woman was driving around the Onyearugbulem Market in Akure when she veered off her lane while receiving telephone call and collided with the on-coming high-speed taxi cab.

He said four people in the cab died on the spot while the woman in the car sustained serious injuries, adding that their bodies had been deposited at the Specialist Hospital, Akure.

The other accident which occurred at Owo-emure roads in Owo local government, claimed three lives.

The accident involved a trailer marked XP 901 AAA and Voyagar car No. CA782FST, which claimed three lives.

The FRSC boss said the said the accident was caused by, over speeding, burst tyre and dangerous driving.

Advising people especially on this 'ember' months' Hassan said people should avoid receiving and making telephone calls while driving, adding that they should not be desperate and should avoid anxiety when driving.

He enjoined those driving on the high ways in the state to always use the specified tyre and change their Tokunbo tyres.

"Now that the ember months are around, excessive speeding should be stopped while common sense should be allowed to prevail," the FRSC Commander stated.

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