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4 feared dead, others injured in Kwara crash

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Four persons including an infant were yesterday feared dead while four others sustained serious injuries in an auto crash involving three vehicles at the Ganmo -Amoyo road in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

The accident involved a Peugeot 504 saloon car, a Nissan car and a truck containing seasonings and toiletries. Four others who sustained injuries are currently receiving treatment at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) in Ilorin. Three of the affected victims were burnt beyond recognition.

A witness said the truck with registration number Lagos XU 972 EKY carrying Maggi cubes and OMO detergent lost control at the bend after one of its tyres went off on motion and ran into a Peugeot wagon salon car with registration number XA 278 KWB and another private(Nissan) car with no identification number, adding that the driver of the Nissan car quickly abandoned the car. He said the commercial Peugeot vehicle with nine passengers caught fire immediately, making it difficult for people to rescue the victims.

"Three of the victims trapped in the Peugeot were burnt beyond recognition because they could not be rescued until the fire brigade men from Ilorin came to put the fire out while the driver of the lorry ran into the bush", the witness said.

Public Relations Officers of the Kwara State Police Command and Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) commander, ASP Ezekiel Dabo and Mr. Cornelius Ade Dogunro, advised drivers to be cautious and obey traffic rules and regulations.

According to Dogunro, three corpses of the victims have been deposited at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital mortuary while those injured were still receiving treatment at the UITH, Ilorin at the time of filing this report.



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