

4 APC members, 2 others killed in Kwara auto crash

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Four members of the All Progressives Congress in the Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara State and two other persons died in a motor accident along the Oro-Omu Aran Road Sunday evening.

An eyewitness said they were going to Oro town to celebrate the victory of the Saturday by-election for Ekiti/Isin/Oke Ero/Irepodun Federal Constituency won by Tunji Olawuyi of the APC.

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It was gathered that the crash occurred at Oke Onigbin area at about 6:00pm when a Morano jeep overtook a heavy truck on a single lane of the oad and rammed into the bus conveying the APC members.

An official of the Federal Road Safety Corps, who confirmed the incident, said many of the victims died at hospitals and bone-setting homes where they were taken to for medical treatment.

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The victims included the ward women's leader from Arandun, Segun Adewara and one Femi Olaoye.

The death toll from the crash rose to six yesterday. A popular beer seller in Omu-Aran, involved in the accident, died yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, the state chairman of the party, Bashir Bolarinwa, has condoled with families of its members who died in the road crash on Sunday.

Also, the winner of the by-election, Tunji Olawuyi of the APC, described the development as quite unfortunate and a rude shock.

A statement by his media aide, Femi David, said that he regretted the unfortunate incident, asking God to grant the victims' families the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

“We deeply mourn the departed souls, their contributions and sacrificed will remained evergreen in our memory, we ask God to grant them eternal rest,” he stated.