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## Multiple auto crash claims four in Oyo

*From Iyabo Lawal, Ibadan*

NO fewer than four persons lost their lives while others sustained injuries yesterday morning in a multiple auto accident which occurred at Ogunmakin area of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

One of the victims who lost her life in the ghastly accident, which involved a trailer and seven other vehicles, was a 24-year-old student of the Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba, Ondo State whose father is a lecturer at the Bowen University, Iwo.

The injured were rushed to the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan for treatment.

Of the 12 victims initially brought to the UCH in the ambulance of the Save Accident Victims Association of Nigeria (SAVAN), a non-governmental organisation, two were confirmed dead by doctors who battled spiritedly to save their lives.

The driver of one of the buses involved in the accident was so mangled that his body could not be pulled away from the steering wheel. His body was reportedly towed away from the accident scene with the vehicle before it was forced out and brought to the UCH.

The Guardian learnt that the trailer, with registration number XA 838 NGU, was coming from Lagos on the wrong lane, facing the vehicles coming from Ibadan.

A vehicle going to Lagos from Ibadan did not notice the on-coming trailer, hence collided with it. Other vehicles on top speed then rammed into one another, leading to the multiple auto crash.

Two officials of SAVAN who assisted in evacuating the victims, Dr. Jane Adebuseyi and Mr. Ezekiel Atinsola,

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said some of victims could have been saved if help had arrived earlier.

Among the vehicles involved in the accident, according to SAVAN records, was a bus with the inscription "Eco Bank Lagos City" and registration number XK 01 EPE.

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