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Three Ekiti Councillorship Candidates Die In Road Mishap

From Ifedayo Sayo, Ado-Ekiti

BARELY a week to the council election in Ekiti State, three councillorship candidates of the (PDP) in the state have lost their lives in a car accident.

The three identified as Olorunfemi Ezekiel, Yomi Adebayo and Ogunjobi Taiwo, representing Omuo Wards 6, 7 and 8 were burnt beyond recognition as a truck belonging to Demabog Nigeria Limited , a construction Company, conveying Asphalt had poured the hot substances on them after it lost control following a burst tyre

It was gathered that the trio had left for Oye Ekiti, precisely for UBA Bank in the early hours of yesterday to cash the N20,000 given to all the councillorship candidates of the PDP in the South Senatorial District of the State by Senator Sola Akinyede, who represents the Area in the National Assembly, only for them to perish on their way back to Omuo Ekiti

One of the men of the Federal Road Safety Commission(FRSC) who brought their charred bodies to the Mortuary of the General Hospital in Ikole Ekiti revealed further that the Mack Truck with Lagos Registration Number XM 512 BDG, conveying Asphalt to a road construction site at Oye Ekiti ,had a burst front tyre and swerved off the road. The truck was said to have trampled on the coming Nissan Sunny with Kogi Registration number XA 315 JMU ,conveying the trio between Ikole and Osi Ekiti and killed them

According to him, the sums of N25,000, N20,000 and N20, 080 and three handsets were recovered from the deceased, confirming the report that the trio had actually gone to collect the money donated to them by the Senator

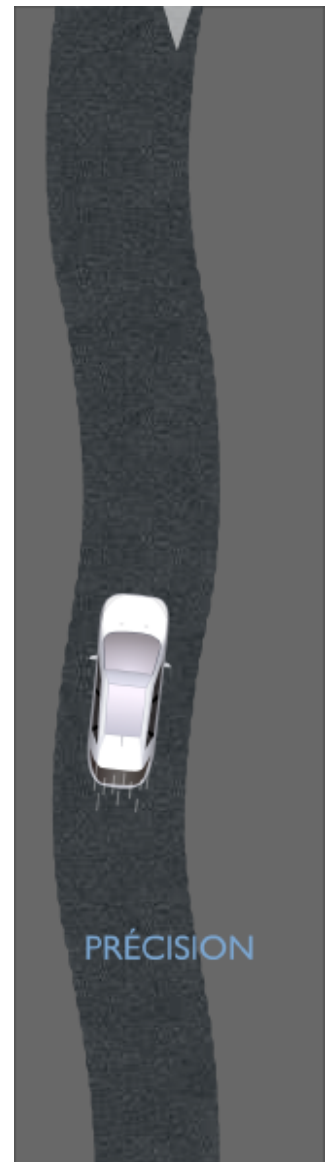
At the scene of the accident, a FRSC operative, Mr I. Ambali explained to newsmen that the truck was moving at a very high speed to ensure quick delivery of the Asphalt.

"We learnt there was a political function at Omuo , so we guess these people were rushing home to join the train of their members. If the truck had been so careful, the matter would not have been so bad like this because it would have been able to control itself, but we guess it was going at a very high speed

"Look at the wreckage of the Nissan Car. This will tell you that the accident was so bad. The truck must have been travelling at a very alarming speed," he said

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