
Eight die in Ondo auto crashes as truck crushes mother, child to death in Ogun

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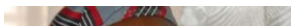
FRSC at a scene of accident

Six persons reportedly died on the spot and 10 others sustained serious injuries in a ghastly lone accident that involved a Benue State-bound bus from Ogbomoso. Eyewitnesses said the incident occurred on a bridge between Ajowa and Gedegede in Akoko Northwest local government area of Ondo State.

Sources said it was the heavy bang from the vehicle that attracted residents of Gedegede who rushed there and met the vehicle in flames. Men of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Ikare unit rushed to the scene to rescue accident victims with the community residents.

The Ondo State Sector Commander of FRSC, Commander Rotimi Adeleye, attributed the carnage to recklessness of the driver and the night journey, which might have affected his visibility. He also noted that tiredness due to sleepless night and over speeding in the sharp corner, close to the bridge might be another cause of the incident.

Also in Akure, the state capital, two young men, including a popular entertainer, simply called Tobi and his friend (name unknown) died in a road crash near the popular St. Peter's College area, Adegbola junction. They were alleged to be coming from a clubhouse at about 4:00a.m. when the driver lost control of the vehicle, which forced it to veer off the median and crashed.





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Sympathisers rushed out from their beds and rushed the victims to an undisclosed hospital where they reportedly died few minutes after admission. Mr. Babatunde Akinbiyi, the spokesman, Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE) in Ogun State, on Thursday, confirmed an accident that claimed the lives of three in Ogun.

He said that a Mack truck loaded with soft drinks on Wednesday crushed a woman and her child to death in an accident, which also killed the truck's Motor Boy at Ajibawo in Atan on Sango /Idiroko road, Ogun.

Akinbiyi told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the accident occurred at about 5:45p.m. and was caused by wrongful overtaking, complicated by loss of control by the truck, marked, LSD 563 XW. He added that four people were involved in the accident, which included three male and one female, saying that two male and one female died in the accident while one person was injured.

“In the process of overtaking another truck ahead of it loaded with granite, the edge of the truck loaded with soft drinks entered a ditch which results in its fall, killing a woman and her child selling along the road and the motor boy,” he said. Akinbiyi said that the injured had been taken to Oluwalogbon Hospital, Atan before the arrival of TRACE officials while the corpses had been claimed by their relatives. He urged motorists to always obey traffic rules and regulations and also avoid excessive speeding and wrongful overtaking.



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