

Two cops, 18 others die in auto crashes in Ondo, Yobe, Ekiti

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The accident scene in Ondo

Two police officers, who were on election duty in the governorship election in Ondo State, have died in an auto crash.

The crash occurred yesterday in Akure North Local Government area, while eight others were seriously injured.

According to a Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) coded report, the accident happened at 11:20a.m. on the KM 2, Oba-Ile Road. It was a lone accident of a patrol van with registration number: NPF 9557 C, conveying 12 persons.



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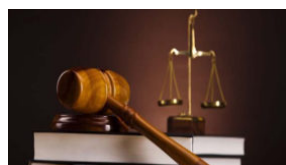
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The report attributed the cause of the crash to speed violation, tyre burst and loss of control. An eyewitness confirmed that the accident occurred as a result of speeding at a sharp bend of the road. He added that the victims had been taken to Police Clinic, Akure, by police officers and sympathisers who also joined the FRSC team to cleared obstruction.

SIMILARLY, FRSC yesterday confirmed the death of 17 passengers in a bus that crashed into a truck along Potiskum/Kano road. FRSC Commander in Yobe State, Yelwa Dio, disclosed that the accident occurred on Sunday night at Zubali village.

“Our rescue team retrieved 21 persons from the two vehicles. The deceased comprised 14 males, a female and two children. 14 injured passengers are receiving treatment for various injuries.”

He attributed the crash to over-speeding, lamenting that many drivers do not heed to warnings on highways.



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