

Two Die In Ibadan Auto Crash

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Two people were feared dead in a motor accident along Mobil - Ring Road in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, on Thursday morning.

The accident occurred when a loaded trailer veered off its lane and crushed a Toyota Camry car carrying members of a family.

Witnesses said the lorry, with registration number XF 375 LSR, was coming from Challenge, approaching Mobil junction when the car marked FC 247 ABC overtook it.

The lorry, which had lost control,

rammed into the car. It also hit a Toyota pick up van belonging to Evans Publishers.

One of those who died was identified as Mama Ade, wife of the owner of the car, while the other was given a free ride.

The owner survived the crash with two of his kids.

Other occupants of the car who were injured were rushed to the Metropolitan Specialist Hospital nearby. The driver of the lorry reportedly jumped out and disappeared.

It took the intervention of policemen despatched to the scene about 1p.m. to evacuate the lorry

to prevent some relatives of the victims from setting it ablaze.

An aggrieved member of the car owner's family said he would not allow the police to tow the lorry, saying that he was going to burn it.

"This lorry is not leaving this place. You better stop towing it. I will not allow it to go. I am going to burn it down here now," he was quoted as saying.

One of the policemen appealed to him, saying that they were acting on the instructions of the Police Commissioner, Udom Ekpoudom, to remove the vehicles from the road to allow free flow of traffic.