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LG boss escapes death as multiple accidents claim two in Ekiti

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Two persons lost their lives in multiple auto accidents involving trucks allegedly belonging to Dangote Group of Companies.

Saturday Independent learnt the crash occurred on Thursday at Oye-Ekiti in Oye Local Government Area of Ekiti State and the victims were said to be drivers attached to the Dangote Cement Plant at Obajana .

Chairman of the local government, Akindele Ogungbuyi and about 15 others escaped death by the whiskers in the unfortunate incident which led several others seriously injured.

One of the vehicles was said to have had a break failure while trying to descend from the hilly section of Ilupeju-Ekiti, a suburb of Oye, leading to the crash. It was learnt that the driver and his partne lost control of the vehicle and realising the danger lying ahead, abandoned the norm and started shouting to all vehicles and persons in front of the truck.

Eye witnesses said they repeatedly shouted: “break don fail, abeg make una commot for road, no more break” in pidgin English.

Unfortunately, the note of warning seemed to have come too late as the truck which was said to be on top speed rammed into two vehicles in front of it, leading to a continuing collision until no fewer than seven vehicles had crashed along its path.

Their corpse of the two were immediately evacuated and deposited at the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre, Ido-Ekiti while those injured were moved to the General Hospital in Oye-Ekiti. The Local Government boss, who was also a victim, confirmed the accident, blaming the mishap on overspeeding on the part of the Dangote driver. He therefore cautioned road users in the area to maintain the minimum speed limit whenever they are passing through the town.

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