

Pregnant Woman, 3 Others Killed In Edo Road Accident

A pregnant woman and three other people were killed on Saturday when a vehicle rammed them at Uselu road on the Ugbowo-Benin highway.

A witness said the pregnant woman with three other people, who were siblings were killed, when an oncoming car skidded off its track and smashed them.

The witness said the dead people were all standing by the roadside, waiting to board a vehicle to convey them to market.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) learnt that the wedding of one of the dead siblings had been scheduled to take place next weekend.

Monday Ikponwosa, who claimed to have witnessed the incident, said that it occurred at about 6:15 a.m. with the four people dying on the spot.

"A BMW car skidded off the road as the driver must have fallen asleep.

"There was a woman (an occupant) in the car. They must have been coming from an all-night church programme because there was bible in the car," Ikponwosa said.

NAN reports that the Ugbowo road, which is the highway to Lagos en route Ore in Ondo State, has been blocked by protesting youths, who made bonfires on the highway.

A youth leader in Uselu, who identified himself simply as Evans, said the decision to block the highway was to protest the arrest of some youths by the police after the accident.

"The youths were carrying out a peaceful protest over the incident, which has become one incident too many on the road, when the police came and started shooting at us.

"Five of the youths were injured during the unprovoked shooting. One of them was shot in his shoulder, another in his chest and another in his hand.