

*5 Die, Others Sustain Injuries In Ogun Truck Accidents

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Five persons were on Tuesday confirmed dead on the spot, while two others sustained varying degrees of injuries in two separate truck accidents which occurred in the evening and Wednesday morning at the old Ota Toll Gate axis of the Lagos - Abeokuta expressway of Ogun State.

The first accident, which around 19:35GMT at the Ota Toll Gate Plaza, in the Ado - Odo/Ota local government area of the state, involved a cement-

laden articulated truck with registration number: RAN 788 AX and a BAJAJ motorcycle marked: AAB 107 VA, while a pillion driver and his passenger were crushed to death in the second crash that occurred at the Bible College in the same Toll Gate axis.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the Tuesday evening's accident happened when an articulated truck that was descending the Toll Gate slope from Ifo, suddenly failed to brake after developing a mechanical fault and veered off the road and

rammed into the lockup shops at the area.

The second, which occurred around 09:10 a.m yesterday at the Bible College axis of the same Toll Gate however, involved a DAF truck with registration number: KTG 941 YG which crushed the rider and passenger of a commercial BAJAJ motorcycle riding in the direction prohibited by the traffic laws.

The public relations officer of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement agency (TRACE), Babatunde

Akinbiyi and the public education officer for Ogun State's Sector of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Florence Okpe who confirmed the accident, said the victims were either traders, or passers by waiting to board vehicles to their various destinations at the bus stop.

Akinbiyi however, disclosed that the injured victims have been rescued to the General Hospital in Sango Ota, while corpses of the dead victims have been deposited at the morgue of the same hospital.

Court file