

Four Ekiti officials killed, others injured in road accident

FOUR officials in the advance party of Ekiti State Governor Mr. Olusegun Oni were killed yesterday in a motor accident on Ifaki-Oye Road.

Four others who were injured were rushed to the Federal Medical Centre in Ido-Ekiti for treatment.

The bodies of the dead have been deposited at the hospital.

Among the dead were a attached to the Government House, Mr Alaba Ilesanmi and a protocol officer, Mr Kayode Aina.

From Odunayo Ogunmola,
Ado-Ekiti

The identities of the two other victims were yet to be ascertained as at press time.

Eyewitnesses said a Lagos-bound Nissan Primera car rammed into a Toyota Hiace bus, with the number plate EKGH 52, belonging to the government.

The bus was conveying officials to Ayegbaju-Ekiti where Oni was scheduled to attend a thanksgiving

service.

The car, which was said to be coming from Oye-Ekiti, lost one of its tyres while in motion and crashed into the bus. The bus burst into flames.

The Government House was thrown into mourning when the news of the accident filtered in as senior government officials, Oni's aides and others discussed the tragedy in hushed tones.

Oni led rescue operations which involved his security aides, the police, Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) operatives and some good Samaritans.

The governor has sent a condolence message to the family of the dead.

According to a statement by Oni's Senior Special Assistant (Public Communications), Mr Moses Jolayemi, the governor prayed for the repose of their souls and wished those receiving treatment a speedy recovery.