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13 lives lost on Oyo/Ogbomoso road in one week

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No fewer than 13 people have lost their lives along Oyo to Ogbomoso highway in the last one week, investigation by The Nation has revealed.

Motorists and commuters plying the federal highway have, in the last few weeks, had sad tales to tell as a result of their nightmarish experience while transiting from the South West zone of the country to the northern axis.

Just recently at the Araromi junction behind St. Bernadines Girls Grammar School, Oyo, a student was reportedly crushed to death by a lorry, just as a manager of a filling station reportedly lost his life on a commercial motorcycle in front of Labamba Hotel.

Also at Elekara Market, a north-bound lorry rammed into a trailer parked beside the road, killing five persons on the spot.

Same day, another auto crash occurred opposite the Olivet High School where two persons died instantly, while three others sustained injuries.

Also a few days ago, the driver of a red golf car allegedly ran into a parked taxi cab at the popular Owode area killing three persons in the process.

Findings revealed that the major cause of these accidents is largely due to the deplorable condition of the road over many years.

Within the Oyo axis of the highway, motorists suffer untold hardships as a greater portion of the road network is in bad shape, while the Ogbomoso axis is ridden with potholes and gullies.

On this road, our correspondent counted over 100 potholes and deep gullies, while the breakdown of trailers and other heavy duty truck is also a common sight with these broken down vehicles left unattended to for many days.

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