

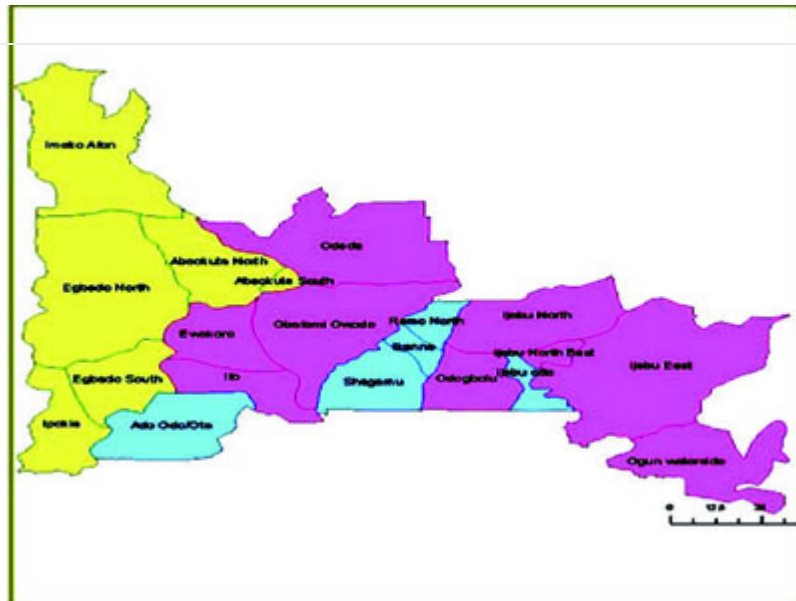
Two crushed to death in Ogun

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Two persons were crushed to death in an early morning auto crash opposite the abandoned Gateway Hotel, Ota in Ado Odo/Ota along Lagos – Abeokuta expressway yesterday.

The accident also left seven persons injured.

An eyewitness said the accident involved two trucks going in the direction Lagos from Ogun.

Public Relations Officer, Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency (TRACE), Tunde Akinbiyi, said one of the trucks crashed into the other following a malfunctioned brake.

He explained a truck marked KJA 113 XR descending a slope also suffered brake failure and rammed into another marked EKY 653 XB where it parked.

It was learnt that some area boys had massed – up around the broken truck ostensibly to extort money from the driver when a commercial bus ran into them.

The commercial bus killed two of them and left seven others injured.

“When this happened, the area boys moved from the first truck and went to the second one and wanted to extort money from the driver, who had been injured due to the impact of the accident.

“But in the process, an oncoming commercial bus painted in Lagos colour allegedly crushed two of the area boys to death instantly and injured seven others with one of them in critical condition.

“The commercial bus driver sped off the scene immediately and our operatives could not apprehend him or capture its number plate,” Akinbiyi said.

Akinbiyi said the remains of dead were kept at the General Hospital, Ifo while the injured have been taken to Ojugbele Hospital, a private health centre in Ota.