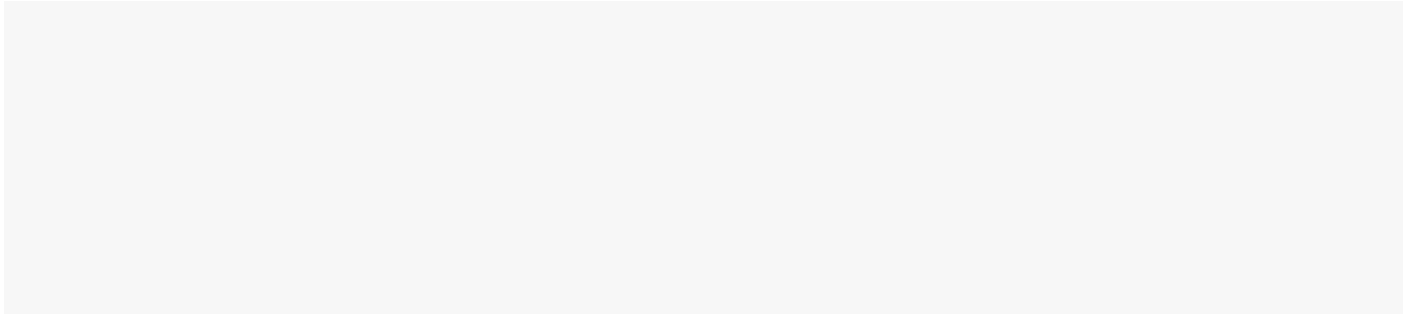


Four killed in Kwara accident

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Picture for mere illustration



Four persons died in a motor accident in the late hours of Monday on the Omu-Aran-Oke-Onigbin highway in Kwara State, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports.

The crash involved an unmarked empty truck heading for Omu-Aran and an 18-seater Mazda bus marked XB 727 FGB.

An eyewitness said the passenger bus, which was fully loaded with oranges, had a head-on collision with the truck, which was believed to be on top speed at about 9pm, resulting in the death of its driver and passenger.

NAN gathered that the driver of the truck and his motor boy were also killed.

“The truck dragged the bus with its passengers for a few metres, before pushing it into a ditch,” said the eyewitness, who preferred anonymity.

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The accident, however, disrupted the smooth flow of traffic on the busy highway for hours yesterday morning, as the combined team of men of the Nigeria Police Force and Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) made efforts to remove the wreckage from the road.

Mr. Festus Adetunji, the commander of FRSC, Omu-Aran Unit Command, confirming the incident, said three bodies were removed on Monday night from the wreckage.

He said it was during the rescue efforts, which continued on Tuesday morning, that the body of the bus driver was removed and deposited at the mortuary, alongside the other three victims.

Adetunji, who attributed the accident to over speeding and dangerous driving, cautioned motorists to always obey traffic rules and regulations, to stay alive.



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