

11 die in Ondo boat, road crashes

ELEVEN persons have been confirmed dead in a boat and road accidents that occurred in Ondo State.

① Six persons were killed in a lone accident at Ikaram, Akoko Northwest, and five others died during a boat accident at Ugbo-Nla in Ilaje local government area of the state.

National President, Ondo State Fishermen Association of Nigeria, Orioye Benedict Gbayisemore, who confirmed the accident weekend, said it occurred on June 7, adding that one of the passengers who wore a life jacket survived the disaster.

Gbayisemore said the victims went to buy seafoods at a local market at Ugbo-Nla

From Osagie Otabor, Akure
when the crash occurred, urging the government to enforce the use of life jackets by travelers on waterways.

② He said: "The presence of a life jacket saved the sole survivor in this tragic incident. The lone survivor in the Ugbo-Nla boat mishap had the foresight to wear a life jacket, before setting out on the ill-fated trip. The life jacket was vital to his survival, keeping him buoyant until rescue arrived.

"This serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need to enforce the use of life jackets for all individuals commuting on water," he said.

Gbayisemore also called for

dredging and clearing of waterways, to facilitate safe and unobstructed movement for passengers.

③ Survivors of the road accident that involved an 18-seater bus heading to Jos, Plateau State, were said to have been rushed to the specialist hospital in the area.

Witnesses said the bus, marked DKA256XY, had a burst tyre at the junction leading to Ajowa Akoko and Akunu Akoko.

Unit Commander of Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Ikare Akoko, Oluropo Alabi, said rescue operation was still on at the time of this report.