

# ① Nine killed, 11 injured in Ogun, Osun accidents

**N**INE persons have been confirmed dead, 11 injured and six missing in weekend accidents in Ogun and Osun states.

① Six of the nine persons were killed in the accidents that involved two trailers at the hilly road of Imesi-Ile community, Obokun Local Government Area of Osun State. The other three died after their vehicle, Toyota Sienna, plunged into the

Omo River in Ogun State. ② It was gathered that the Osun accident was caused by a mechanical fault from one of the trailers which resulted in break failure.

The Osun State spokesperson for the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mrs Agnes Ogungbemi, confirmed that the fatal accident involved 17 people.

She said the crash occurred on Saturday, adding that the driver lost control of his vehicle as a result of the break failure.

"Five dead victims were

## ③ Father, two kids die in Anambra building collapse

• Six hospitalised in Ekiti incident

**A**FATHER identified as Chizoba Aniefuna and his two sons have lost their lives in a building collapse at Egbu Umuenem, Otolo in Nnewi North Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The structure, a storey building with a pent house, was reportedly under construction when it collapsed.

Aniefuna, said to be the builder of the collapsed structure, also had a relative who was trapped inside but was later rescued and rushed to a nearby hospital.

When newsmen arrived at the scene yesterday, labourers were seen trying to rescue the victims as an excavator deployed to make the operation swift developed a fault at the scene.

Addressing reporters shortly after the bod-

From Emma Elekwa, Onitsha and Rasaa Ibrahim, Ado-Ekiti

ies were exhumed from the debris, Chairman, Council for Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Anambra chapter, Victor Meju, blamed the collapse on the use of substandard materials and non approval from relevant regulatory authorities.

He announced the seal-off of the site, while the owner of the building, Chukwunafu Anamanjo, would be invited for questioning to aid investigation.

"Poor foundation, poor concrete mixture, poor quality of materials, poor wearing cost capacity, nonconformity to standard, non approval from relevant regulatory authorities led to the avoidable tragedy," he said.

## • Six feared drowned

From Ernest Nwokolo, Abeokuta and Toba Adedeji, Osogbo

taken to Osun State University Teaching Hospital Osogbo by the police before the arrival of FRSC team. One dead male victim was trapped under the truck and our team used the extricating machine to remove the

trapped body from under the vehicle," she said.

② In Ogun, the FRSC said a search was on for six passengers who were onboard the vehicle when it plunged into the river on Saturday night.

It said the search party comprised the FRSC, the state's Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE),

Motor Traffic Division of the Police, soldiers, Mobile Police Force, divers and villagers.

The Nation had reported earlier that a Toyota Sienna plunged into Omo River underneath the Omo Bridge at the J4, Ogbere Ijebu corridor of Sagamu-Ore expressway and for the better part of yesterday, the FRSC, TRACE and other responders to the emergency could not find it.

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