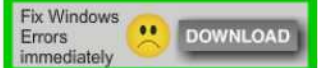


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ON Christmas Day, on Wednesday, five people were killed in a road accident on Ila-Orangun-Otun-Ekiti Road, at a spot in Ifedayo Local Government Area of Osun State.

Eight other people were injured in the accident.

The accident, which occurred at about 4.00 p.m., according to a witness, was caused by speeding and a bad portion of the road.

Saturday Tribune gathered that the affected vehicle, a white Toyota Hiace bus, marked: XP 874 ABC, was conveying passengers from Abuja to Osun State for the Christmas celebration when it crashed.

Sources said men of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and other security agencies, including the Nigeria Police and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) mobilised to the scene to rescue the victims.

The Osun State commander of the FRSC, Mr Mohammed Hussaini, said the accident was precipitated by the bad condition of the road and speeding on the part of the driver who he identified simply as Taofeek.

Hussaini disclosed that eight survivors of the accident were rushed to the State Hospital, Ila-Orangun, while the corpses were deposited at the hospital's morgue.

He lamented that the wife of a senior FRSC officer was involved in the accident.

Hussaini, who deplored the attitude of many drivers on the road, advised them to exercise always be patient.

He charged them to ensure that their vehicles were in good condition before embarking on a trip.

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