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Auto crash claims 4 policemen in Kwara

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Four policemen attached to the Ilesha-Baruba Divisional Police Headquarters in Kwara State, were on Wednesday night, killed in an accident involving a truck and the station's patrol vehicle.

Eyewitness account revealed that the truck was coming from Chikanda, a Nigeria-Benin Republic border community in the Baruten Local Government Area of Kwara, conveying cattle that were to be sold at Ilesha Baruba market on Thursday, before it collided with the oncoming patrol van.

Nigerian Tribune also gathered that the truck while trying to avoid a pothole on the Ilesha Baruba road, reportedly collided with the van, less than 10 minutes after it had left the station.

It was also gathered from a source that the incident, which happened at 9:15 p.m led to the death of three of the four occupants on the spot.

The source also said that the fourth officer died three hours later, due to severe injury sustained while being taken to a hospital in Saki, Oyo State.

"We have to make use of cultlasses, axes and other objects before we could remove him from the van because the truck had smashed it beyond repair," he said.

He also said that the truck and cattle had been impounded at the police station.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the Kwara Police Command, Ajayi Okasanmi, confirmed the incident and stated that the driver of the truck was yet to be arrested, saying he fled the scene.

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