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Pregnant bride-to-be dies in accident 2 weeks to wedding

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A four-month pregnant lady, Dolapo Salawu (25), who was preparing for her wedding slated for October 2014 lost her life on Tuesday when the driver of a petrol tanker lost control and crushed her where she stood with her fiancé by the roadside at L. Adisa area, along Ibadan-Oyo expressway, Oyo State.

The driver of another diesel tanker, with which the petrol tanker collided, also lost his life as his head and hands were severed as a result of the serious impact of the accident.

Her husband-to-be was reported to have jumped to safety while the driver of the petrol tanker was seriously injured.

Sunday Tribune gathered that the accident was caused by a commercial Nissan Micra car which stopped to pick passengers by the road side and went back on the road without taking a glance at his mirror for oncoming vehicles.

The driver of the IVECO tanker with registration number KAT 149 XA loaded with 33,000 litres of Premium Motor Spirit, popularly known as petrol, reportedly swerved in order to avoid hitting the Micra car, and, in the process, collided with the Mack tanker with registration number AGL 23 XA loaded with 45,000 litres of diesel before running over the deceased lady.

The Oyo State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Mr Luka Ikpi, the Divisional Police Officer, Ojoo Division, Mr Musiliu Doga, as well as FRSC, police, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps and fire service officials were said to have gone to the scene to restore sanity to the road by diverting traffic and retrieving the bodies of the casualties.

Fire fighters were put on stand to prevent an outbreak of fire as petrol from the tanker reportedly gushed out of the upturned tanker, and it took another tanker to trans-load its content before the fallen tanker could be lifted by a crane and the remains of the deceased extricated beneath it.

The deceased and her fiancé were said to have been coming from a nearby prayer mountain at Ojoo area of Ibadan where they went to seek the face of God towards their marriage before she met with the disaster.

When contacted, the FRSC sector commander confirmed the story, while the Oyo State Police Public Relations Officer, Olabisi Okuwobi-Ilobanafor, said the corpses of the deceased had been deposited at the mortuary.

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