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9 die, 6 injured in Ilesa-Akure autocrash

Tragedy struck in the early hours of Friday when nine persons lost their lives in a fatal autocrash along Akure-Ilesa expressway, while six others were injured.

According to information gathered by Saturday Tribune, the accident occurred around 4.30 a.m., at Ileri junction as a result of the driver's high speed.

The incident was said to have caused a traffic jam along the expressway, which left motorists and commuters stranded for hours.

Seven people were said to have lost their lives on the spot, while two others died on the way to the hospital.

Confirming the incident, the Unit Commander of the Federal Roads Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ilesa, Osun State, Mr David Gaya, stated that the accident occurred when the vehicle, a Toyota Hiace which was coming from Akure, Ondo State capital, ran into a ditch due to high speed.

According to him, the remains of the victims have been deposited at the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex (OAUTHC), Ile-Ife, Osun State, morgue.

While disclosing that some survivors of the accident were currently receiving treatment at the OAUTHC, Gaya also added that some of them were moved to the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Teaching Hospital, Osogbo, Osun State capital, for medical attention.

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