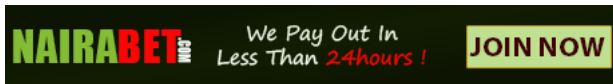


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Despite the loss of seven persons from Ekiti State in a ghastly motor accident on their way to the annual delegates conference, in Sokoto, the Nigeria Medical Association (NMA) has declared that the conference will continue.

But the association has declared one week of mourning, and directed that all doctors should observe the mourning from today till Tuesday, next week.

NMA also directed that every doctor should put on black band on the left arm over white overall.

The national officers' committee meeting of the NMA confirmed that the Ekiti State delegates for the Annual General Conference/Annual Delegates Meeting (AGC/ADM) "currently holding in Sokoto, were involved in a fatal motor accident on Abuja-Kaduna Expressway."

A statement signed by the NMA president, Dr Kayode Obembe, and the Secretary-General, Dr Adewunmi Alayyaki, said six of their members and the driver had been confirmed dead.

Those who died in the accident are: Dr Alex Akinyele – Secretary NMA Ekiti, Federal Teaching Hospital (FTH), Ido Ekiti; Dr Tunde Aladesanmi – General Surgeon, FTH, Ido Ekiti; Dr O.J. Taiwo – Anatomic Pathologist, Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH), Ado-Ekiti; Dr Ogunseye J.B – National Association of General and Government Medical and Dental Practitioners (NAGGMDP) National Secretary, Hospital Management Board (HMB), Ekiti; Dr Olajide O – Association of Resident Doctors (ARD), EKSUTH President; Dr. Atolani Adeniyi – Secretary, NAGGMDP, Ekiti State and Mr Ajibola – NMA Ekiti Driver.

The statement added that other members of the delegates who survived the accident were in stable condition and were receiving medical

attention under the auspices of the chairman of the Kaduna State NMA and his team.

It stated that the bereaved families had been contacted and arrangements were in motion to convey the bodies back to Ekiti.

It also added that the NMA was in contact with the bereaved families and burial arrangements would be communicated in due course.

Fayose declares 3 days' mourning

Meanwhile, Governor Ayodele Fayose of Ekiti State has described the death of six medical doctors and one driver in the state, in an accident involving a 13-passenger bus "as the lowest point in the history of the state and a monumental loss, not only to the people of Ekiti State, but to Nigerians."

Fayose, who stated this in a statement, on Monday, to mourn the doctors, also declared three days of mourning for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Governor Fayose directed that all flags should be flown at half-mast and described the death as "an eclipse of professional and intellectual figures, who lost their lives in active service to mankind."

According to him, "Ekiti has lost some of the best trees in its forest of Medicine. I am deeply sad. This is one loss too many."

The governor, in the statement by his aide, Lere Olayinka, said, "the death of seven prominent indigenes of a state in one day and at the same period is a burden too heavy to bear and it is my prayer that God, who is the only giver and taker of life will give Ekiti people the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss."

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