

Auto crash claims 2 in Ogun

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TWO people lost their lives on Wednesday at Ayedere-Obada Oko axis on Lagos-Abeokuta highway, Ewekoro Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The incident which occurred at about 1:00 p.m., reportedly involved three vehicles, including a white truck loaded with granite with registration number 44F95FG, a wine colour Nissan Almera Car with registration number TTD 884 AA and a white commercial bus with registration number FST 435 XD.

According to information

gathered by the *Nigerian Tribune* from the Head, TRACE Corps Public/Media Relations and Strategy, Babatunde Akinbiyi, the incident occurred when the granite-loaded truck driver who was on top speed lost control when he had a brake failure.

The truck's driver was said to have rammed into the Almera car from behind, while the Almera car, in turn, also hit the commercial bus from behind.

He was said to have pushed the two vehicles into the bush before the truck stopped.

This was said to have resulted in the death of two people while 15 others were injured. The two dead were passengers in the commercial bus, it was further learnt.

According to Akinbiyi, who confirmed the death, the remains of the dead victims had been deposited in the morgue of Federal Medical Centre, Idi-Aba, Abeokuta, while the injured victims were taken to Joseph and Christiana Specialist's Hospital, Oke-Ilewo, Abeokuta.

He advised drivers to always desist from excess speeding to make the roads safe for commuters.

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He stated further that the command had commenced investigation on the matter. "It is an unfortunate incident but we have begun investigation into it. The command is sad over the incident and our hearts are very heavy. We are doing everything possible to further dig into the matter and also to talk to our officers and men on the need to avert similar occurrence," the