



**19 die in Edo road accident on Thursday 31st August**

It was a black Friday in the ancient town of Ijebu-Igbo, in Ijebu North Local Government Area of Ogun State, as a timber lorry rammed into worshippers at the Atikori Praying Ground for the Eid-el-Kabir festival, leaving two dead and several other worshippers injured.

Also, in Edo State, it was a tragic Sallah eve in

Igoneki, Uhunmwonde Local Government Area of Edo State, as about 19 people died in a ghastly motor accident.

In Ogun, *Tribune Online* learnt that the driver of the lorry lost control of the vehicle conveying timbers before the unfortunate incident happened.

The pandemonium which followed the incident led to an angry mob descending on the driver of the ill-

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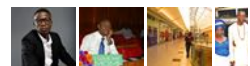
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fated vehicle.

Several other Muslim faithful at the Eid ground sustained injuries and were taken to hospital for medical attention.

It was also gathered that the driver of the vehicle had been arrested by the police.

The Ogun State Police Command Public Relations, Abimbola Oyeyemi, had confirmed the incident to Tribune Online when contacted.

Oyeyemi, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, said that two people have been arrested in connection with the incident.

He gave the name of the deceased police officer as Joseph Adejumo, saying that investigation into the ugly incident had since commenced.



**Angry mob destroying the ill-fated timber lorry that plow into a praying ground at Atikori in Ijebu-Igbo, on Friday. PHOTO: Olayinka Olukoya**

The PPRO said, "It is true that an accident occurred this morning at Ijebu Igbo. The truck laden with logs had lost control after its brake failed and rammed into Muslim faithful going to perform Eid prayer in Ijebu Igbo, it killed two people.

"A mob had gathered and wanted to lynch the truck driver but policemen on ground prevented them



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