

3 vigilance group officials die in Kogi auto crash, as truck crushes another 2 on same road

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WITH AGENCY REPORT

THREE officials of the Kogi Vigilante Service have lost their lives in a road accident on Okene-Lokoja Road. The state Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr Olusegun Martins, told journalists in Lokoja on Thursday that the accident, which happened in Osara village on Wednesday, claimed the lives of the men. Mr Martins said the accident happened when the Ford Ranger Port Utility Vehicle (PUV) in which the officials were travelling had a head-on collision with an oncoming truck with an oncoming truck registration number.

ber, Borno DKA 377 YN. He confirmed that six other persons were in-

jured in the crash, while saying the dead had been deposited at the

morgue of the Federal Medical Centre, Lokoja, where the injured were

also taken for treatment. Meanwhile, the Chief Press Secretary to the

state governor, Mrs Petra Akinti-Onyegbule, in a statement, identified the dead officials as Tunji Ayorinde, Ajiboye Michael and Olumuyiwa Samuel.

She said all the victims hailed from Ogori-Magongo Local Government Area of the state.

Akinti-Onyegbule quoted Governor Yahaya Bello as expressing shock over the death of the officials.

"The governor is deeply saddened by the loss that the families of the victims and the entire people of Ogori/Magongo have encountered.

"He offers his deep condolences at the loss of three promising gallant personnel at this crucial time," she said.

Bello promised support for the survivors of the crash, while wishing them quick recovery.

Robbers raid 2 banks, cart away millions in Niger

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SOME suspected armed robbers, on Wednesday evening, raided two commercial banks in Niger State, reportedly carting away money said to be in millions.

The two commercial banks, located in Lapai Local Government Area of Niger State, were raided around 6.00 p.m. in about three vehicles and were said to have spent about 30 minutes.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the suspected robbers had earlier blocked three entrances into the town from Minna,

Bida and Suleja/Agai, shooting sporadically after which they used dynamites to blow up the doors of the banks.

It was further learnt that the suspected robbers reportedly shot dead one police officer in one of the banks while an unidentified civilian security guard was reportedly shot at the premises of the second bank.

Confirming the robbery incident, the Assistant Inspector General of Police in charge of Zone 7 Command, Alhaji Salisu Abdullahi Fagge, described it as

sad and unfortunate.

Fagge, who stated this during a chat with newsmen at the Lapai Division of the Niger State Police Command, said he was sent by the Inspector General of Police, Mr Ibrahim Idris, to meet with the affected banks officials and for an assessment of the damage caused.

Similarly, the Assistant Inspector General of Police in charge of Operations and Training, Mr. Taiwo Lakanu, was also at Lapai on Thursday to monitor the commencement of aerial patrol with helicopters in an at-

tempt to nab the fleeing robbery gang.

Niger State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Austin Agbonlahor, said that no arrest had been made over the robbery, adding that combined teams of the Federal Anti-Robbery and the state police command's squads had been dispatched to places in Lapai.

Agbonlahor said investigation had begun into the robbery, adding that police had recovered a Toyota Corolla car belonging to one of the banks, which the robbers took away.

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