

Three dead, five injured in Sagamu-Benin highway auto crash

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THREE people, two females and a male, lost their lives on Wednesday, while five others sustained injuries in an auto crash which occurred at J3 junction, Ogbere, on Sagamu-Benin highway.

The incident, which involved a Toyota Sienna with registration number BDG 48 XX and Toyota Previa with registration number XD 871 KEY, occurred at about 9:35 a.m.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the accident was caused by the driver of the Sienna bus who drove in a dangerous manner.

Confirming the incident in a statement, the Public Relations Officer, Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Ogun State, Mr Babatunde Akinbiyi, said that the dead had been deposited at Ijebu-Ode General Hospital mortuary while those injured were taken to a pri-

vate hospital at J3.

Akinbiyi said that the two vehicles had been removed from the road to police station at Ogbere Area command.

Giving an insight to how the accident occurred, the TRACE PRO disclosed that the Previa bus was coming from Benin, while the

Sienna was coming from Ijebu Ode.

"In an attempt to make a u-turn, the Sienna bus driver executed it slowly, which made the on-coming Previa to collide with it from the side, leading to the death of three passengers in the Sienna vehicle on the spot," he said.

Of the five injured people, Akinbiyi said that three were passengers in the Sienna bus while the remaining two were in the Previa.

Nigerian Tribune further learnt that nine passengers were in the Previa, and six in the Sienna when the accident occurred.

Seven suspected kidnappers arrested inside forest

HAKEEM GBADAMOSI - AKURE

THE joint Security Task Force set up by the Ondo State government, on Wednesday, arrested seven suspected kidnappers around Emure-Ile in Owo Local Government Area of the state.

Parading the seven suspects at the headquarters of the state police command, the Army Public Relations Officer for Owena Cantonment, Major Ojo Adenegan and the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO),

Mr Femi Joseph said the suspects were arrested in a hideout inside Emure forest during a raid by the task force.

According to the PPRO, six of the suspects were arrested in the early hours of Wednesday, while their informant who was said to be monitoring the activities of the task force was also arrested.

He said the informant who was later apprehended by the task force while trying to get across to the other suspects was arrested with

more than 12 locally-made guns.

He said more than 15 daggers and cutlasses, as well as other weapons, charms and clothing materials were recovered from the suspects.

Joseph said: "At about 3:00 a.m. today (Wednesday), the Joint Task Force, code-named "operation crime free", arrested six suspected kidnappers at Emure junction via Owo where they gathered together in a suspicious manner following on a tip-off.

"Recovered from them