

# 4 killed in Kwara auto accident

NO fewer than four persons died in a motor accident in the late hours of Monday on the Omu-Aran-Oke-Onigbin highway, in Kwara State, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

The accident involved an unmarked empty truck heading towards Omu-Aran axis of the highway and an 18-seater Mazda bus marked XB 727 FGB.

An eyewitness said the passenger bus which was fully loaded with oranges, had a head-on collision with the truck, which was believed to

be on top speed at about 9:00 p.m, resulting in the death of its driver and passengers.

**NAN** gathered that the driver of the truck and his motor boy were also killed on the spot.

"The truck dragged the bus with its passengers for a few meters, before pushing it into a ditch," said the eyewitness who would not disclose his identity.

The accident, however, disrupted the smooth flow of traffic on the highway for hours on Tuesday morning as the combined team of men of the Nigerian Police and

Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) made frantic efforts to remove the wreckage from the road.

The commander of FRSC, Omu-Aran Unit Command, Mr Festus Adetunji, while confirming the incident, said three bodies were removed on Monday night from the wreckage.

He said it was during the rescue efforts which continued on Tuesday morning that the body of the bus driver was removed and deposited at the mortuary, alongside the other three victims.