

Three people going for burial ceremony die in Ekiti auto crash

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THREE persons who were workers of the Special School for the Blind and Deaf in Ikoro Ekiti, Ijero Local Government Area of Ekiti State on Saturday lost their lives during an auto crash.

Sunday Tribune learnt that other occupants of the vehicle sustained various degrees of injuries during the accident.

It was gathered that the

accident occurred in Ara Ekiti due to brake failure, which made the vehicle to land in a ditch.

The occupants of the vehicle numbering 18, who were all staff members of the school, were said to be on their way to a burial ceremony at Odo Owa Ekiti, on the invitation of the principal of the school.

A source said: "Those who sustained injuries had been referred to the Federal Teaching Hospital,

Ido Ekiti, while the bodies of the victims have been deposited in the morgue of Ijero Ekiti General Hospital. The names of the deceased were: Oladiji Bunmi, Yemisi Adelodun and Bosede Azeez."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO) Ekiti State command, DSP Sunday Abutu, confirmed that the accident was caused by brake failure.

He added that the level

of fatality was due to inability to get those who could rescue them on time.

"The accident involved only one vehicle and the occupants were going for a ceremony. Those wounded are presently being treated in the hospital.

"But majority of the survivors sustained minor injuries and they are getting well while the driver is in our custody," he said.