

② Eight die in separate accidents in Kwara

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ABOUT eight people reportedly lost their lives in three separate auto crashes involving six petrol tankers and a car at Olooru-Kanbi in Moro Local Government Area of Kwara state between Tuesday evening and early hours of Wednesday.

Eyewitnesses' accounts revealed that one of the accidents occurred when one of the tankers, heading to the NNPC depot at Oke-Oyi in the Ilorin East local government, had a head-on collision with another coming from the depot.

It was also gathered that another tanker, loaded with diesel, had a head-on collision with a tanker coming from Jebba, also in Moro local government area of the state.

A private car was badly affected in the accident involving the tankers, sources said.

A combined team of officers and men of the Fire Service, Police and the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) was promptly drafted to the scene of the accident for the rescue operation.

Speaking on the development, the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in Kwara state, Mr. Gbenga Owoade, confirmed that eight persons died in the multiple accidents.

"It happened at different times along same route. First, one occurred yesterday evening and the other two accidents happened early hours of today (Wednesday). The three didn't happen at same time. It happened at separate times.