

Two siblings, three others killed as petrol tanker crushes taxi in Ibadan

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FIVE persons lost their lives on Monday at Celica area in Egbeda Local Government Area of Ibadan, Oyo State after a fully-loaded fuel tanker rammed into a taxi.

An eyewitness informed *Nigerian Tribune* that the driver of the truck lost control of the vehicle due to

brake failure and rammed into the taxi.

A source also told *Nigerian Tribune* that the accident occurred at about 7.00 a.m, thereby causing traffic gridlock on the Ife-Ibadan expressway.

Two of the victims were said to be siblings who were preparing to sit for their National Examination Council (NECO) examination.

The eyewitness added that the tanker skidded off the road with the taxi before plunging into a nearby ditch, just as he added that the taxi was about to link the road when the truck crashed into it.

The source further explained that there were six passengers inside the taxi as of the time of the accident, adding that four of them died immediately,

while another one lost his life later.

Officers of the state fire service and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) immediately moved to the accident scene and helped put out the fire to prevent possible explosion.

The sector commander of the FRSC in the state, Mrs Uche Chukwurah, confirmed that five persons died in the accident.