

Motorcyclist, sick passenger killed in Ondo accident

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TRAGEDY struck at dawn on Wednesday in Akure, Ondo State when a commercial motorcyclist conveying a passenger to the hospital crashed into a stationary truck, resulting in the death of the two.

The accident occurred at 5.45a.m. on Airport Road, Oba-Ile in Akure North Local Government Area of the state.

A source who did not want his name mentioned said the accident occurred opposite the residence of Chief Olu Falae in Akure.

The source said a truck owned by a block-making factory broke down beside the road two days earlier but was not moved.

"The commercial motorcyclist who was coming from the Oba-Ile axis and going to Akure with full speed hit the stationary vehicle," the source said.

Another source said the commercial motorcyclist came to Oba-Ile from Akure to convey a passenger who was ill to the hospital before the tragedy occurred.

"The commercial mo-

torcyclist was one of our colleagues living in Akure. He came to pick a brother who had been sick for some time to the hospital.

"The motorcycle did not have any lights and the rider only used a torch to illuminate the darkness before the accident occurred.

"The commercial motorcyclist and his passenger died on the spot after hitting the truck despite the 'C' caution sign and some blocks placed on the road," the source said.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Olu-funmilayo Odunlami-Omisanya, confirmed the incident.

She said the corpses had been deposited at the morgue of the Specialist Hospital, Akure.

"What happened was that the stationary vehicle was parked by the roadside because it had a mechanical fault and it was the commercial motorcyclist who ran into the vehicle.

"Everybody needs to be careful. I cannot, however, confirm whether the motorcyclist was on high speed or not," the police spokesperson said.