

# Tragedy as 3 traditional rulers die, 9 injured in auto crashes in Oyo

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**P**EOPLE of Oriire Local Government Area of Oyo State have been thrown into mourning over the death of three traditional rulers from the area.

The traditional rulers lost their lives in an auto crash involving Benz E230 with registration number OLODOGBO and a commercial Scania truck with registration number MUS 301 XF at Ajeiye in Oriire Local Government

Area, on Friday night.

Two of the affected obas died on the spot while the third one died a few hours later at the Ladoke Akintola University Teaching Hospital, where he was taken to for treatment.

Six passengers were involved in the crash but the three survivors are undergoing treatment at LAUTECH Teaching Hospital.

The affected passengers were on their way to a social event at a nearby community when the accident oc-

curred.

The affected monarchs, as reliably informed are: Ologbo of Odogbo; Onibowula of Bowula and Alayetoro of Ayetoro.

Confirming the incident, the sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Joshua Adekanye, attributed the cause of the auto crash to speed violation and wrongful overtaking.

He confirmed the survivors are undergoing treatment at LAUTECH Teaching Hospital while the corpse of the vic-

tims have been deposited at the morgue of the same hospital.

He added that no life was lost but the injured ones are receiving treatment in the hospital.

In another development, Adekanye disclosed that nine persons were seriously injured when a DAF truck caught fire on Oyo-Ogbomosho expressway.

The incident, he explained, involved 13 persons, with six of them escaping unhurt.