

① Five UNIOSUN students, five others die in accident in Ikire

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TEN persons, including five students of the Osun State University, Osogbo (UNIOSUN), on Sunday, lost their lives in a road accident that occurred around Balogun area, before Unity School, Ikire, Osun State.

The management of the university, which announced this in a statement in Osogbo on Monday through the institution's Public Relations Officer (PRO), Ademola Adesoji, described the accident as deeply saddening.

According to Adesoji: "The university management, upon receiving this distressing news, swiftly dispatched a team to the scene to identify and support any of our students involved in the accident.

"Regrettably, we confirmed the loss of Olagbemide Dotun, a 200-level student of Software Engineering; Suleiman Farouq Adedayo, a 400-level student of Law; Ogundare Pelumi, a 300-level student of Public Health; Ogundare Elijah, a 100-level student of Mechanical Engineering and Olawuyi Mary, a 200-level student of Nursing."

Ogundare Pelumi and Ogundare Elijah said to be from the same parents.

The PRO added that, "one of the students, Olagbemide Damilola, a 200-level student of Medicine and Surgery, survived the accident and is currently receiving medical attention."

According to him, "This

ghastly road accident involving a luxurious bus traveling from Ibadan and an 18-passenger bus from Osogbo resulted in multiple fatalities."

He stressed that, from the reports from the Nigeria Police and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), the accident was caused by the head-on collision of the two buses, leading to severe impact that claimed the lives of several passengers.

"The Nigeria Police have confirmed a total of 10 fatalities from this unfortunate incident.

"Osun State University is working closely with the relevant authorities to gather more details on the circumstances surrounding the accident.

"We are also providing necessary moral and logistical support to the bereaved families, including funeral arrangements for the deceased students.

"This tragic loss has deeply shaken our university community. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of the deceased. We urge our students, staff and the entire university community to remain calm and supportive during this difficult time.

"Osun State University will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the grieving families and pray that they find strength and solace in this moment of grief," Adesoji stated.