

Six killed in another Ibadan auto crash

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NO fewer than six persons were feared dead and four others seriously injured on Monday in another ghastly auto accident that took place on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. The accident occurred at Rainbow Bus Stop, Ashi area, Ibadan.

The latest mishap became the second accident on the highway in less than twenty four hours.

Some 16 passengers of a commercial bus heading for Lagos had, on Sunday, died in an auto accident at Sanyo area on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

The Monday accident, which occurred around 9am, involved a commercial bus from Iwo Road bus terminus heading for the Ojoo end of the expressway.

An eyewitness said the bus swerved off the road as the driver tried to avoid a pothole on the bridge at Rainbow Bus

Stop, a few metres away from the Mountain of Fire and Miracle Church.

The vehicle was said to have fallen under the bridge, where it hit a pillar.

Sympathisers at the scene of the accident had reportedly blamed the driver for over speeding, especially as the spot was a dangerous one.

They said that some four vehicles had fallen under the bridge this year alone as they tried to avoid the potholes.

Many of the passengers, who were said to be in a critical condition, were identified as workers and students going to resume work.

The victims were said to have been rushed to a nearby private hospital for medical attention.

No fewer than six of them were said to be on the danger list owing to the deep cuts and injuries they sustained.

Meanwhile, the management of the University College Hospital, Ibadan, has

called on relatives of the Sunday accident to come and claim their bodies.

As at the time of filing this report, no fewer than three unclaimed bodies were still in the mortuary of the hospital.

The Public Relations Officer of the Hospital, Mr. Segun Oludamiro, told our correspondent that five bodies of the victims were brought to the hospital mortuary on Sunday.

He said the hospital's administration department had to intervene before the bodies could be deposited at

the mortuary.

Oludamiro said this was because the hospital would not normally receive dead bodies, and that it was only the state hospital morgue that could do that.

He said the hospital, however, had to receive the bodies since the state General Hospital Adeoyo at Ring Road area was on strike.

So far, only two bodies out of the five victims, Mrs. Taiwo Taofeek, (60) and her son, Najeem Taofeek (25), have been claimed.

Adefarati urges Agagu to end

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THE immediate past Governor of Ondo State, Chief Adebayo Adefarati, has called on his successor, Dr Olusegun Agagu, to accede to the demand of medical doctors in the state in order to end the ongoing strike.

He said Agagu must end the crisis in the health sec-

tor to stop untimely death among the people.

Adefarati said this in a statement made available to our correspondent in Akure on Monday by his Senior Special Assistant on Media and Publicity, Mr. Bankole Falade.

Health workers, under the aegis of the National Association of