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# National News

## Gani Adams loses three aides in auto crash

**T**HREE aides of the National Coordinator of the Oodua Peoples Congress, Chief Gani Adams, on Monday, died in an auto crash.

The development might not be unconnected with the absence of Adams at the commemoration of the June 12, 1993 presidential election, organised by the OPC on Tuesday.

But Adam's speech was read on his behalf by the organisation's secretary, Alhaji Abudu, just as a minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

It was also gathered that the deceased were Adams' personal assistant, Mr. Lanre Banjoko; his brother-in-law, Mr. Frank Fasan; and his younger brother, Mr. Bode Akeju.

The incident was said to have occurred at exactly 12pm while one of the deceased, Akeju, was said to have been released from the prison last week.

The OPC leader was said to have been returning from a journey to his home town in Arigidi, Ekiti State when his convoy ran into a trailer around Ogere-Remo, some kilometres from Shagamu, Ogun State.

Though he escaped unhurt, three aides of Adams were not so lucky.

They were said to have died in the back up car in Adam's convoy.

One of Adam's aides, who spoke under condition of anonymity, said, "Gani travelled to Arigidi-Akoko last week, and was billed to return to Lagos to put finishing touches to today's (June 12 commemoration) occasion.