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Four dons, 10 others die in auto accidents

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Four lecturers of the Niger Delta University, Ammassoma, on Saturday died in an auto accident along Warri/Port Harcourt Road.

The lecturers were travelling in a metallic grey Honda Civic car with number plate AN 442 EKY when the vehicle had a head on collision with a metallic grey Mercedes Benz 320 E-Class with number plate AE 766 PTN.

The latter car was coming from Ughelli to Patani in Delta State when the accident occurred at Ohoro.

It was learnt that the lecturers were headed for Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

According to a witness, all the lecturers, including the driver and one of the three male occupants of the other car, died on the spot.

The Zonal Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission in Benin, Alhaji Zakari Nda, who confirmed the incident, attributed it to speed violation, lane indiscipline and dangerous driving.

The two survivors of the accident, he said, had been taken to the hospital for medical attention, while the corpses of the victims had been deposited in the mortuary.

He stated that the men of the FRSC in Ughelli and the police recovered N137,770, an Intercontinental Bank cheque of N10,000, a laptop, a bag of clothes, files, and four handsets.

Sunday PUNCH further gathered that another nine persons died in an auto accident, which occurred on the Abe-Alifekede Road on Friday.

It was learnt that the accident involved a Toyota Hiace bus with number plate XR 183 LSR, a towing truck M/B 911, with number plate AG 530 GDD and a luxury bus with number plate XA 874 MUS.

Nda, who confirmed the accident on the telephone to our correspondent on Saturday, said that the corpses and five other persons who sustained injuries during the accident were taken to the Central Hospital, Agbor by the men of the FRSC.

Meanwhile, the commander said that the leadership of the command was not impressed by the level of compliance with traffic rules by drivers plying the routes, blaming them for the rampant road mishaps.

He said that the commission had commenced measures to ensure increased patrol activities on the highways with a view to ensuring a drastic reduction of carnage on the roads during the festive periods.

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