

Three die, 11 injured in auto accident

An accident involving a 14-passenger commercial bus at Olokuta village, near Ibadan, on Saturday, claimed three lives, while 11 people were seriously injured.

A witness said that the accident occurred about 6.45pm when a rear tyre of the Mazda E2200 bus, with registration Osun 686 FFE burst while the vehicle was on top speed.

It was gathered that two female passengers died on the spot, while one of the 12 injured passengers receiving treatment at a hospital on the Old Ife Road, Ibadan, died on Sunday.

The witness said that the Ibadan-bound bus, which left Ile-Ife, Osun State, about 5.30pm, somersaulted several times before it crashed into the median on the expressway.

Sympathisers and officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Egbeda Unit, were said to have rushed to the scene immediately for rescue operations, while the bodies of the dead were deposited at Adeoyo Maternity Hospital.