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Five women traders were feared dead in a car crash involving some final year students of Ekiti State University, who were said to have driven recklessly and had a collision with the car on Thursday morning.

Nine others critically injured in the accident which occurred at Irasa village, near the school campus on Ado-Iworoko road, were said to be receiving treatment at the Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital.

The accident, which occurred around 4:15am, was between a grey coloured Mazda car with registration number: Lagos KJA 608 CD, driven by one of the students and a white Nissan saloon car marked Osun AA 529 FTD.

It was learnt that the Mazda car occupied by the students was returning from a dinner party organised by some finalists in a popular hotel close to the campus, while the second car loaded with food stuffs was conveying the traders from Ora-Ekiti. The students were said to be drunk.

The driver of the commercial car is said to be on life support at the state teaching hospital.

While an eye witness said five women inside the commercial car were brought out dead, the police said only three passengers, including the driver, were inside and that the two women died on the spot, with the driver sustaining serious injury.

The timely intervention of the villagers and some police men attached to Iworoko division, led by their Divisional Police Officer, was said to have saved the lives of the students who were trapped inside the car.

It was learnt that the students were driving back home from the dinner without the car head lamp before running into the commercial car.

The Student Union Government's Public Relations Officer, Priscilla Afolabi, said the students were responding to treatment.

"They are our colleagues, coming from a dinner. None of them died, they are eight in number; five female and three male. They were coming from a popular hotel closed to the university, venue of the dinner, when the incident happened," she said.

The Ekiti State Police Public Relations Officer, Victor Babayemi, a Deputy Superintendent of Police who confirmed the accident, said only two women traders died while their bodies had been deposited at the state morgue.

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