

Four die, three injured in auto crash

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The accident scene. Photo: Sam Awoyinfa

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Four persons lost their lives while three others were injured in an auto crash which occurred along the Abeokuta-Odeda-Ibadan Road, in Ogun State axis on Wednesday night.

The accident involved a commercial Toyota Picnic space bus with number plate BDJ 427 SX and a Foton truck with number plate YKS 194 XA.

Our correspondent gathered that the vehicles were travelling out of Abeokuta, and the accident occurred at Alakija Village near Olodo town, in Odeda Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The Public Relations Officer of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency, Babatunde Akinbiyi, said the accident was caused by speeding on the part of the driver of the Toyota Picnic, who drove into the moving truck ahead of him.

He said those who died in the auto crash include the driver of the Toyota space bus, and other three passengers in the same vehicle.

The three others who were injured were also passengers in the commercial vehicle.

Akinbiyi said, "The accident happened on Wednesday between 9.30pm and 10pm. Both vehicles were travelling out of Abeokuta.

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What we gathered from TRACE operatives at the scene was that the driver of the Toyota Picnic commercial vehicle carrying seven passengers ran into the Foton truck due to speeding.

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Four persons died on the spot, while three others were injured. These victims were all passengers in the Toyota space bus and they were all males.

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The driver of the Foton truck and his assistant ran away, and abandoned the truck after the accident.

Trace operatives and policemen evacuated the victims and vehicles from the scene.

The corpses of the casualties have been deposited at the General Hospital, Ijaiye, Lagos; while the injured were taken to Omolewa Hospital at Odeda for medical attention.

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