

One killed, 18 vehicles burnt in Ibadan accident

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One person died on Sunday, while no fewer than 18 vehicles were burnt after a tanker laden with petroleum product collided with :

The tanker en route from Lagos to Ibadan, Oyo State, collided with the truck at the Oremoji Junction end of the Lagos-Ibadan Exp

Eyewitnesses said the driver of the truck with number plate, JGW 418 XA, lost control of the vehicle around 7am and rammed in road and burst into flames as it fell.

It was gathered that the content of the tanker was spilled on the road stretching to about two kilometers with fire on its trail, as people ran for safety.

No fewer than 18 vehicles parked by the roadside were consumed, including five articulated vehicles, a Nissan Micra taxi, two commercial buses and other vehicles that were burnt beyond recognition.

One of the eyewitnesses, Michael Adetunji, said he was waiting for a taxi to take him to church when the incident happened.

"I was going to church and I decided to take a taxi instead of driving. I was waiting for a taxi when the wheat truck ran into the path of a tanker loaded with fuel. As the tanker driver tried to avoid the imminent collision, the tanker fell and somersaulted several times.

"There was a huge fire immediately and some vehicles were caught in the inferno. I saw a dead body. I don't know how the driver and other occupants of the tanker could survive without the special grace of God."

The Oyo State Police Public Relations Officer, Adekunle Ajisebutu, confirmed the incident.

"I heard about it and alerted the control room to move to the place. As we speak, our men are still there. I do not have the detail of the accident because we are still investigating. I can, however, confirm that no life was lost in the accident, but 10 vehicles and several shops were burnt," he said.

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The accident caused a gridlock on the expressway as vehicles could no longer co



Many commuters sought alternative routes. The men of the Oyo State Fire Service and se

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