

Woman killed in Ibadan auto accident

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Scene of the incident

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A yet-to-be-identified woman was killed on Wednesday while five others were seriously injured after a Rover saloon car allegedly driven and occupied by some drunken young men rammed into a taxi at Coca Cola bus stop on Mokola-Sango Road around 7am on Wednesday.

Eyewitnesses said the three occupiers of the Rover with the number plate, FGB 52 AA, were drunk.

He added that when they were rescued from the wreckage of their car, one of them had a broken hand, while the other had a bleeding bruised arm.

It was learnt that the driver of the car had minor injuries and reportedly fled from the scene.

An eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said, “The car was coming from the Sango end of the road; the driver was speeding. Suddenly, the vehicle somersaulted and flew over the median before crashing into the taxi which was coming from the Mokola end of the road. We rescued a woman alive, but medical help did not come on time so she died from her injuries at the scene. That was around 7am.”

He said, “The boys were also rescued and from all indication, they were drunk because their breath reeked of alcohol. We have information that the boys just left one of the night clubs on Awolowo Way in Bodija, where they had drunk.”

The woman who died reportedly sat at the back of the taxi with two others who also sustained serious injuries.

The driver and another passenger in the front were also said to have sustained injuries.

When our correspondent got to the scene of the accident, the remains of the victim were being taken away by a van belonging to the Federal Road Safety Corps. Policemen were also seen at the scene trying to maintain order.

The number of accidents on the road involving young men is on the rise. In the early hours of March 15, 2018, a driver crashed into a Honda Accord on the road and sustained injuries.