

Two die in Ondo auto crash

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Scene of the accident

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Two persons lost their lives while several others were injured in an automobile accident that occurred at the Shasha Market on the Akure-Owo Expressway in Akure, Ondo State on Wednesday.

According to an eyewitness, the accident, which occurred around 7.30am, involved two petrol tankers and a car, which was parked in front of a filling station in the market.

The eyewitness narrated that the two tankers were driving in opposite directions, while the driver of one of the tankers was said to have lost control of the vehicle as he swerved off his lane to hit the other vehicles on the opposite lane.

It was gathered that the victims, whose identities were unknown as of press time, were some of the traders by the roadside of the market.

The eyewitness added that the accident caused traffic logjam on the busy expressway for several hours, but the men of the Federal Road Safety Corps later arrived at the scene to clear the road.

The remains of the deceased were said to have been deposited in a mortuary, while the injured were taken to the hospital

Confirming the development, the Head of Operation, Ondo State Sector Command, FRSC, Mr Olusegun Ogungbemide, said the crash occurred as a result of brake failure on the part of one of the tankers.

He said, “There was a crash this (Wednesday) morning at Shasha Market involving a tanker and two other vehicles. We got information that a tanker had a break failure and hit a vehicle and entered into a filling station, while the other truck, in trying to avoid the tanker, ram into a filling station.

“Two people died on the spot, while five injured persons were rushed to a hospital in Akure.”

Ogungbemide urged tanker drivers and other motorists to ensure that their vehicles were in good condition before embarking on any journey, especially during the Yuletide, in order to avoid road crashes.