

# Three bystanders killed during accident victims' rescue in Ogun

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The accident scene

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Tragedy struck on Wednesday on the Abeokuta-Sagamu Expressway in Ogun State, after a truck rammed people on the road during a rescue operation.

Our correspondent learnt that an accident involving two vehicles had earlier occurred at the Muhammadu Buhari Estate end of the road on the outskirts of Abeokuta around 1pm.

Policemen and officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps were said to be rescuing the victims when a Mack truck suddenly appeared on the accident scene.

Three people, said to be bystanders, were killed on the spot.

The Ogun State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Clement Oladele, said the truck driver was flagged down, but he could not stop because he had lost control of the vehicle due to excessive speeding.

He said, “The crash happened around 1pm. Two vehicles, a Honda Accord and a Toyota Corrola, were involved in the crash.

“However, in the process of the rescue and clearing of the obstruction, a speeding Mack truck lost control despite being flagged down; the road was cordoned off. The speeding truck went to the road shoulder and ran over the people standing by the roadside. He killed three of them.”

Oladele said two female adults and a man were the victims.

He noted that while the injured victims were taken to the Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta, the remains of the deceased had been deposited in a mortuary.

The sector commander expressed condolences to the families of the crash victims, adding that legal proceedings had already commenced against the reckless truck driver.

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