

Three die, two injured as container falls off truck

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Scene of the accident. Photo: Tunji Bosun

Tunji Bosun, Abeokuta

Three persons were confirmed dead, while two others sustained injuries in an accident that occurred on Tuesday at Akinhale village, Ewekoro, on the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway, Ogun State.

Our correspondent gathered that the accident occurred when the driver of an Iveco truck, with number plate AAA 912 XK, reportedly lost control of the vehicle.

According to an eyewitness, the container detached from the truck and crushed three people to death after it veered off the road into the bush.

The spokesperson for the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the accident in a statement made available to journalists in Abeokuta.

Akinbiyi said the truck was on top speed when the driver lost control and the vehicle's body detached from the head as a result of not being properly latched.

He added that among the victims was the driver of the truck.

Akinbiyi explained that the vehicle had been evacuated to the Ewekoro Divisional Police Station, while the victims' corpses had been deposited in the Ifo General Hospital morgue.

He stated that two other victims, who sustained injuries, had been taken to the State Hospital, Ifo, for medical attention.

He said, "The truck was on top speed when the driver he suddenly lost control and the body of the vehicle detached from the head as a result of not being properly latched, and it veered into the bush.

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