Three feared killed in Ibadan auto crash

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Three women were feared dead with many others injured in an auto crash involving a commercial tricycle and a private car around Iso Pako area along the Eleyele-Ido Road.

The accident occurred around 10pm on Thursday.

While some of the people in the neighbourhood claimed that all the five passengers on board the tricycle marked ITA 253 VT died, other sources put the casualty figure at three, saying three others sustained life-threatening injuries.

A commercial motorcyclist, who spoke on condition of anonymity claimed that he was at the scene of the accident, attributed the crash to speeding.

The number plates of the car that was involved in the crash were mangled beyond recognition.

The eyewitness, who claimed that the driver of the car was drunk, said the man was speeding when he suddenly veered off the lane and crushed the tricycle coming from Ido end of the road.

"The passengers on the tricycle were not likely to survive the accident. All of them were females, including children. The driver of the tricycle was motionless while the passenger in front also died on the spot.

"Due to the impact of the crash, two of the passengers in the tricycle were flung out. They landed on the windscreen of the car. The driver hit his head against the windscreen. You can see blood stains all over.

"Personal belongings of the victims were scattered on the road."

The Police Public Relations Officer, Oyo State Command, Olugbenga Fadeyi, when contacted said the police had not been briefed about the accident as of the time of filing this report.