Five die in Ondo road crashes

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Peter Dada, Akure

Five persons lost their lives while several others sustained injuries in two road crashes that occurred in Ondo State on Sunday.

It was gathered that one of the crashes occurred at Owode village in the Akure North Local Government Area of the state around 11pm.

According to an eyewitness, the accident involved a blue Toyota Picnic with number plate, Ondo WWW 989 MW, which was coming from Owo and heading for Akure, and a truck with number plate, FST213XV, which was heading for Benin.

Both vehicles were said to have had a head-on collision.

The state Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Mr Rotimi Adeleye,

confirmed the accident, saying it was as a result of non-compliance with traffic rules

and regulations.

According to him, the crash was caused by a burst tyre by the Toyota Picnic, while the

driver of the truck drove above the recommended speed limit.

The FRSC boss stated that a female and two males died on the spot, while two others

sustained varying degrees of injury.

He also confirmed that the second accident happened in the Agbogbo area of Akure

and two persons riding on a motorcycle were killed.

"We also recorded another accident around the Agbogbo area involving a motorcyclist

and his passenger. Both of them lost their lives on the spot," Adeleye stated.

He said the corpses of the victims had been deposited in the University of Medical

Sciences Teaching Hospital morgue, while the FRSC patrol team took the injured to the

Owode Health Centre for first aid treatment.

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