Two killed in Osun, Ondo road crashes

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Five persons have been killed in separate auto crashes in Osun and Ondo states.

In Osun State, a yet-to-be identified man motorcyclist lost his life at Sekona, when a truck rammed into him, with the truck driver sustaining injuries and being rushed to the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Teaching Hospital, Osogbo for treatment.

The Osun Sector Public Education Officer, Federal Road Safety Corps, Agnes Ogungbemi, who confirmed the crashes on Monday, told *PUNCH Metro* that they occurred on Sunday.

According to her, the Sekona crash involved a truck and a motorcycle.

She blamed the loss of control after wrongful overtaking for the accident, saying the truck collided with the motorcycle and killed the rider on the spot.

Ogungbemi said the second crash occurred on the Ile-Ife/Ilesha Road and involved a Mitsubishi Montero Sport Utility Vehicle, noting that the crash was as a result of excessive speeding, which resulted in the loss of a tyre.

She added that three people were involved in the crash, but only one lost his life.

"The remains of the victim were deposited in the morgue of the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, Ile-Ife. The other two passengers of the vehicle involved in the lone accident did not sustain any injury," Ogungbemi stated.

In a related development, three persons lost their lives in a crash at Akungba Akoko, Akoko South West Local Government Area of Ondo State on Sunday.

It was gathered the crash was caused by a truck, whose driver lost control and rammed into some vehicles by the roadside, killing and injuring the victims.

An eyewitness said many passengers were trapped inside the vehicles, while those sustained injuries were rushed to hospital for treatment.

The FRSC confirmed the accident, saying it happened around 10.20pm and involved two trucks with no number plates and a white Toyota Hiace bus with number plate BDG731XT.

According to the Public Relations Officer of the Ondo Sector Command of the FRSC, Mrs Tola Ogunbanwo, the crash was caused by brake failure on the part of one of the vehicles, adding that three persons were killed, while 11 were injured.

"The injured victims were rushed to the General Hospital, Ikare, and the remains of the deceased were deposited in the morgue of the General Hospital, Iwaro Oka," she added.

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