

Two die, many injured in Ondo, Ogun road crashes

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Two persons have been confirmed dead and many others injured in two road crashes that occurred on Saturday at Ikare Akoko, Ondo State and Atan market junction in Ogun State.

6-year-old aunt in Ogun

shortly after he left, the woman was declared dead.

"This aroused the suspicion of the people of the community and they threatened to carry out a traditional ritual which will expose the killer. On hearing about the intention of the community to go spiritual about the deceased, the suspect Dansu Asogba, came out and confessed being responsible for the woman's death."

Oyeyemi said upon the suspect's confession, the Divisional Police Officer, Ipokia division, SP Adebayo Hakeem, detailed policemen to the scene where he was promptly arrested.

On interrogation, the suspect reportedly admitted killing the deceased, claiming that he did so because he believed she was responsible for the death of his first child and a miscarriage suffered by his wife. Oyeyemi added, "He confessed further that it was an iron rod he used to hit the woman on the neck which resulted in her death."

"Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, Edward Ajogun, has ordered the immediate transfer of the suspect to homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for further investigation and prosecution."



respectively.

According to an eyewitness, the Ondo accident involved a Toyota Primera car with the number plate, ANG 35 BV and a motorcycle.

It was gathered that the driver lost control of the car due to a brake failure and hit a motorcycle rider who was coming from the opposite direction, killing him and injuring other people.

The Public Relations Officer, Federal Road Safety Corps, Ondo State Command, Mrs Tola Ogunbanwo, said the injured were rushed to the General Hospital, Ikare Akoko and the remains of the deceased deposited at the hospital morgue.

In the Ogun crash, one person was confirmed dead while three others sustained various degrees of injury when a truck rammed into some pedestrians at Atan market junction in the Ipokia Local Government Area of the state.

The Public Relations Officer of Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the incident in a statement on Saturday.

Akinbiyi said four male passersby were involved in the accident, which happened at 11.50am at Atan market junction, along Idiroko Road.

He explained that a truck marked AKM 560 ZT loaded with mud, lost control due to a brake failure and rammed into four pedestrians by the roadside.

Akinbiyi said, "The corpse of the victim had been deposited in a morgue hospital, while the survivors are receiving treatment."

The TRACE spokesman advised truck drivers and owners to ensure that their vehicles were properly maintained to avoid loss of lives and property.

He further admonished motorists to be patient and refrain from speeding to prevent road crashes.