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Three feared killed as trucks burst into flames in Ondo

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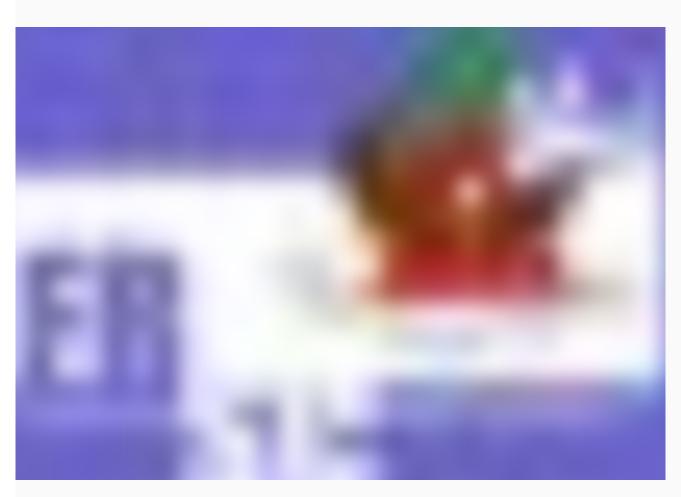












Peter Dada, Akure

Three persons were feared dead on Friday in an accident involving three trucks on Ikare-Owo Expressway at Akungba Akoko town in the Akoko South West Local Government Area of Ondo State.

The accident occurred barely six weeks after a similar accident killed no fewer than 16 people and injured many residents of the town.

It was gathered that the accident happened at the Okerigbo Hill near

the main gate of the Adekunle Ajasin University.

According to an eyewitness, one of the trucks loaded with bags of

cement had a brake failure while descending the hill.

The eyewitness said the truck, after colliding with the two other two

trucks conveying gift items and fish, caught fire which burnt the three

vehicles.

He said, "The incident occurred about 4pm and the vehicles were in

flames for several hours as there were no firefighters to put the fire

out. Three persons died in the crash."

The Ikare Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission,

Mr Kabir Mohammed, said the cause of the accident had yet to be

ascertained.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr Tee-Leo Ikoro,

who confirmed the accident, said no life was lost in the accident.

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