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Policemen die in Ilorin-Ogbomoso road crash

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Two police officers who were on bank escort duty, on Thursday, died in an auto crash at the Eyenkorin end of the Ilorin-Ogbomoso Expressway.

It was gathered that the policemen were in their escort van when the lone accident occurred in the afternoon as a result of burst tyre.

It was also gathered that the policemen had escorted a bullion van to Ogbomoso from Ilorin and were on their return journey when their vehicle rammed into a stationary trailer after one of the tyres burst.

Two of the law enforcement agents reportedly died on the spot while others sustained varying degrees of injury.

The deceased were said to have been deposited at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ilorin, while the injured ones were said to be receiving medical attention in the hospital.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Ajayi Okasanmi, confirmed the accident.

"The police officers were coming back from Ogbomoso where they had escorted bullion van. One of the tyres of the escort vehicle burst and rammed into a trailer parked along the road. Two policemen died on the spot and some others were injured," he said.

Another lone accident, which occurred around the Crown Hill University on the Ilorin-Ogbomoso Road on Thursday, recorded no fatality.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps in the state, Jonathan Owoade, said the accident involved a tanker marked, JJJ 96 XU, loaded with diesel, adding that it veered off the road at Passa Bridge as a result of mechanical fault.

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