

Three killed in Ondo crash, two die in robbery

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NO fewer than five persons lost their lives in Ondo State on Sunday in two separate incidents of a robbery attack and a road crash.

In the road crash, three persons died along Ondo-Ore Expressway, while three other persons sustained injuries in the accident which involved a Toyota Picnic.

According to an eyewitness, the accident occurred around 7am on Sunday as the vehicle was heading towards Akure, the state capital, when the crash happened.

The eyewitness said the driver of the vehicle lost control and swerved off the road into the bush.

He said those who sustained injuries in the accident had been rushed to a nearby hospital while the remains of the dead had been deposited at the morgue of the hospital.

Similarly, two security guards of Rano Filling Station, along Akure-Ondo Expressway, Akure, were killed by suspected armed robbers at the early hours of Sunday.

It was gathered that the workers of the petrol station who resumed for work on Sunday, found the lifeless body of the two guards in a pool of blood.

One of the workers of the petrol station, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told our correspondent that the two guards were found dead around 5.30am "this morning."

He explained that one of the security men, who was 28-year-old had just spent two days at the filling station.

He stated further that the perpetrators attempted breaking into the filling station's safe but were not successful.

He said, "The robbers did not succeed in breaking into the safe of the station as their "master key" got broken in the process of trying to unlock the safe."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Tee-Leo Ikoro, confirmed the incident, saying the remains of the deceased guards had been deposited at a morgue.

"The Commissioner of Police, Bolaji Salami, has ordered a manhunt for the fleeing robbers," he added.