

Two killed as fuel truck misses Ibadan filling station, crushes vehicles

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TWO persons on Thursday died after a truck laden with gas lost control and crushed two taxi cabs and four motorcycles in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

Our correspondent gathered that the accident occurred at Mokola Roundabout around 12noon.

Five persons, who were crushed by the tanker, were said to have been rescued alive and taken to

hospital by officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps and the Oyo State Fire Services.

The tanker was said to have suffered a brake failure.

Residents said it lost control and crushed two cabs and four motorcycles on its path before it stopped.

A trader close to the scene of the accident said more lives would have been lost had the tanker crashed into the filling station close to the scene.

The Director of Operations, Oyo State Fire and Rescue Services, Mr Ismail Adeleke, confirmed the accident.

“Our men are still there. We rescued some victims,” he added.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps in Oyo State, Uche Chukwurah, said two persons died in the crash and five were injured.

He said, “The accident was caused by speed violation and mechanical deficiency.”