

# Couple, three children die in Ondo crash, market

Peter Dada and John Charles

THE Ondo State Police Command on Wednesday confirmed the death of five persons in a road accident along the Ijoka area of Akure, Ondo State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the victims, a couple and their three children, were returning to their house after the day's work when tragedy struck.

A source stated that the vehicle conveying the deceased

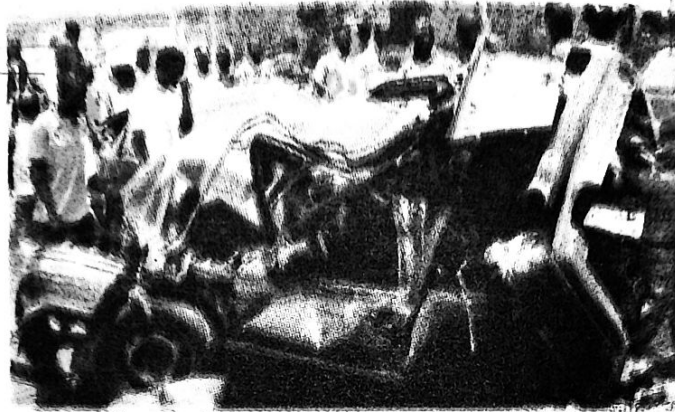
rammed into a heavy duty tractor parked by the roadside.

An eyewitness said the accident occurred around 9pm, adding that the driver was under the influence of alcohol.

He said, "Even when we came to check on him, we found out that his corpse smelt of alcohol. He must have been speeding as a result of the alcoholic intake."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs Funmilayo Odunlami, said the command had commenced investigation into the crash.

In a related development,



• Scene of an accident

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five people were killed in the Gboko area of Benue State on Tuesday when a Sharon

vehicle rammmed into people at a market.

The driver of the vehicle was

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offences punishable under sections 60 and 192 of the Adamawa State Penal Code Law 2018.

The police prosecutor, Zakka Musa, who gave details of the case, said the four men allegedly killed the victim and burnt his corpse.

He also informed the court that the incident occurred on May 15, 2022, at Dumna Dutse in the Guyuk Local Government Area of the state.

He said, "The defendants

accused his neighbour of killing some of the prominent people in Dumna community, while he was also accused by the other man of terrorising the community with witchcraft and killing little children.

Following the revelation, some residents began to suspect the deceased as being responsible for the death of children in the community, which triggered the attack. However, the defendants at the hearing of the case pleaded not guilty to the charges.

# five killed in Benue

said to have had a brake failure at the front of Temperance Hotel, Akaajime, within Gboko town and in the process rammmed into people on the roadside market.

An eyewitness, who identified himself simply as Jack, told one of our correspondents on the phone that the incident happened around 7pm on Tuesday.

"The vehicle was coming from Gboko town to Mkar, in the Gboko Local Government Area of the state when the incident happened.

"Five people were killed on the spot and 16 people were injured and receiving treatment at private hospitals in Gboko.

"There are 12 injured people at St. Joseph and four others at Atuna hospital in Gboko."

The Chairman of Gboko LGA, James Kachina, who was accompanied by the leader of the Gboko legislative house, Peter Maaki, reportedly visited the hospitals on Wednesday.

Kachina said 16 injured people were in the two hospitals and pledged that the

council would support them.

The state police spokesperson, SP Catherine Anene, who confirmed the accident, said two people were killed.

## Lagos couple

Matthew Agbaje

A 39-year-old man, Niyi Adeyemo, has accused his wife, Jumoke Bamgbola, 38, of beating him to a pulp during a disagreement at their residence on Love-All Street, Ikosi-Ketu, Lagos State.

Adeyemo, who was said to be suffering from arthritis, was admitted to a hospital after the alleged assault which happened on Monday.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the marriage, which was consummated in 2018, hit the rocks in 2019.

Adeyemo, who spoke to our correspondent from a hospital bed where he was receiving treatment, said his marriage crashed after his mother visited their home and his wife objected to it because she did not like his family visiting him.

This, he claimed, led to their separation.

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