

③ Three die in Ogun auto crash

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THREE persons believed to be members of the Redeemed Christian Church of God who were returning from the church's 70th annual convention reportedly died while 13 others sustained varying degrees of injury in an auto crash on Sunday.

The accident was said to have occurred at about 5.22pm on the Abeokuta-Siun-Sagamu interchange around Kobape in the Obafemi-Owode Local Government Area of Ogun state.

The accident, which involved a Mazda bus marked APP 297 YC, was said to have happened when the bus lost a rear tyre and somersaulted.

The spokesman for the state Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the accident.

Akinbiyi said 16 passengers, comprising five male adults and 11 female adults, were involved in the accident.

He said, "Three persons, comprising two male adults and one female adult, lost their lives.

"According to an eyewitness account, who was also a passenger in the bus before the crash and the police investigation, the driver of the bus was on high speed and was cautioned by some of the passengers before one of the rear tyres burst and the bus somersaulted, falling on its side.

"Further investigation confirmed that the bus was coming from Redemption Camp and passengers were among the congregation who partook in the just concluded 70th Convention tagged Perfect Jubilee.

"Three passengers, made up of two males and one female, died in the unfortunate crash while 13 others made up of three male adults and 10 female adults were injured including the driver."