

# Speeding drivers kill baby, pregnant woman, minor

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Tragedy struck on Friday when a pregnant woman and a minor were crushed to death by a truck along the Abeokuta-Ibadan expressway in Ogun State. Also in Ondo, a speeding motorist killed a baby and injured others as it rammed into a shop at Ore in the Odigbo Local Government Area of the state.

Our correspondent gathered that the truck laden with cement, lost control and rammed into a building, killing two and injuring four other occupants of the building. The accident involved a DAF truck with registration number, BDJ 112 XF.

Spokesperson for the state Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the accident to journalists in Abeokuta.

Akinbiyi disclosed that the truck was travelling to Ibadan from Ewekoro when the driver lost control and rammed into the building.

Akinbiyi attributed the cause of the accident to speeding which made the driver lose of control and rammed into the building.

He said that cops were deployed to the scene of the incident to prevent youths who were angered by the accident from causing chaos.

Akinbiyi disclosed that the corpses of the deceased had been deposited at the morgue of the Odeda General Hospital.

He said, "Corpses of the pregnant woman and minor; male have been deposited at the Odeda General Hospital morgue, while the remaining accident victims were rescued to Ajitola Hospital at Kila for medical treatment.

"There was a deployment of more policemen to calm the

situation because of the angry villagers.

"This (accident) is a sad and unfortunate one against the backdrop of reported crashes that happened back-to-back for the past three days across the state. The dead victims in this unfortunate incident were occupants of the building.

"While TRACE commiserate with the family of the deceased, articulated drivers are enjoined to avoid speeding and also maintain as well as service their vehicles as and when due to avoid this avoidable crashes."

In the Ondo incident, a source disclosed that the vehicle, a Toyota Camry marked KSF 77 EZ rammed into the shop at Ore—Okitipupa road, killing the victims.

The driver of the car was said to have lost control of the car and veered off the road before ramming into the shop

while trying to avoid hitting a motorcyclist.

The source said, "The accident was caused by speeding by the driver of the car. The driver was speeding, rammed into a shop and killed a baby, leaving others injured. The baby was sleeping in the shop before the unfortunate incident happened.

In his reaction, the Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Ore, Mr Sikiru Alonge, while confirming the incident, said four persons were involved in the accident, explaining that three persons were injured while one person died on the spot.

He said, "The injured victims have been taken to the General Hospital in Ore, while the baby's corpse was deposited at the morgue."



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## Kano police arrest 331 suspects in one month



•Kano CP, Lawal

The Kano State Police Command has arrested 331 suspected criminals in one month.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Abubakar Lawal, disclosed this on Friday at a press briefing on the achievements recorded by the command. The suspects, he said, were arrested for alleged robbery, kidnapping, car theft, thuggery and drug abuse, among others.

According to the *News Agency of Nigeria*, Lawal stated that 51 suspects were arrested for robbery, 69 for kidnapping, 12 for fraud, 18 vehicle and tricycle thieves, seven human traffickers, six drug dealers and 168 suspected thugs.

Lawal said that most of the suspects were already being charged to courts for prosecution.

He added that the police were able to rescue 11 kidnapped victims and 17 victims of human trafficking.

According to him, the police recovered 27 rifles, two locally made revolver pistols, 24 cars, 12 tricycles, two motorcycles, 94 knives, 306 parcels of Indian hemp, two cartons of suspected tramadol and 1,213 pieces of exol tablets.

He identified others to include 48 pieces of rubber solutions, 40 motor vehicles batteries, nine ceiling fans, one plasma TV, one grinding machine, and 75 cell phones, among others.