Motorcyclist, sick passenger die in Ondo crash

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WO people have lost their lives in a crash on Akure Airport Road, Oba Ile, in the Akure North Local Government Area of Ondo State.

PUNCH Metro gathered the victims were on a commercial motorcycle heading towards the capital town when the incident happened on Wednesday.

A motorcyclist, who spoke on condition of anonymity, stated that the motorcycle rider went to Oba-Ile from Akure to convey a sick passenger to the hospital when the incident occurred.

He said, "The commercial motorcyclist was one of our colleagues. He came to pick a brother who was sick to a hospital. The motorcycle did not have any light and the rider only used torchlight to illuminate the darkness. The motorcyclist and his passenger died on the spot after hitting a parked truck in spite of the 'C' caution and some blocks placed on the road."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs Funmilayo Odunlami, said the motorcycle rammed into a stationary truck parked by the roadside.

"I cannot, however, confirm whether the motorcyclist was speeding or not," the PPRO added.

Odunlami said the corpses had been deposited at the morgue at the state government hospital, Akure.