

Three Ekiti church members die, others injured in road crash

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Three persons reportedly died while others sustained various degrees of injuries in a road accident involving a bus belonging to an Anglican Church in Ise Ekiti along Ise-Ikere Road.

Sources said the occupants of the vehicle who were mostly women were on their way from Ise Ekiti to Ado Ekiti to participate in an annual enrolment service.

Sources said the accident occurred few kilometres away from Ise Ekiti “when one of the bus tyres burst and the driver lost control of the vehicle and hit a mango tree at the road side following which the 18-passenger bus somersaulted.

“Three of the women were said to have died on the spot. The deceased included a newly wedded woman. Those who sustained injuries were rushed to hospital where they are currently receiving treatment,” the source said.

The FRSC Sector Commander in Ekiti State, Olusola Joseph, who confirmed the accident, said two persons died instantly, while 10 occupants were injured.

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Joseph said that the injured were rushed to a hospital.

On the cause of the accident, the sector commander said, “It was tyre burst that was responsible for the accident involving the 18-seater bus.

“We (FRSC) will continue to appeal to motorists to keep to speed limits. They know the nature of the roads, so they should be very careful while driving on the roads.

“At the same time, they (motorists) should keep to traffic rules and regulations,” the sector commander said.

The Anglican Bishop of Ekiti, Rt. Rev. Andrew Ajayi commiserated with the families of those who lost their lives and prayed to God to heal those injured.