

Two die as trucks collide on Sagamu-Benin Expressway

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Two persons lost their lives on Tuesday when a truck driving against traffic collided with another truck along the Sagamu-Benin Expressway in Ogun State.

A traffic official privy to the incident who was not authorised to speak with the media told PUNCH Metro on Wednesday that one of the victims was driving in the opposite direction of the expressway at top speed when his vehicle collided with an oncoming vehicle causing his death and another person.

The source said, “A fatal accident at some metres to Nairaland Oil and Gas filling station inbound Sagamu from Odogbolu on the Sagamu-Benin Expressway. Traffic affected and diverted from Odogbolu junction to the Nairaland Oil and Gas Station.”

Confirming the incident to our correspondent in a telephone conversation on Wednesday, the spokesperson for the state Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency, Babatunde Akinbiyi, said the vehicles involved were an unregistered DAF truck and another DAF truck with number plate URM164XA.

He added that three persons were involved with two death recorded and one person sustaining a high degree of injury.

Akinbiyi noted that the body of the deceased's wrong-way driver was deposited at the Ijebu-Ode General Hospital morgue while the second victim was handed over to his family by the police.

He narrated, "According to an eyewitness account, the unregistered white DAF truck drove against traffic (route violation), with excessive speed and collided with the green DAF truck which was in its right lane.

"The driver of the unregistered white Daf truck died on the spot the motor boy of the green Daf truck died later from the injuries sustained in the incident because he was in between the tyres.

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"The trapped driver who drove against traffic had been removed and was taken to the Ijebu-Ode General morgue by Papa Oscar (police), the presumed dead motor boy was also handed over to the family and the injured victim was rescued before our arrival while TRACE operatives were on ground controlling and monitoring the traffic."

The TRACE spokesperson, however, expressed condolences to the victims' families while urging motorists to shun speeding when driving on the highway.

"While TRACE, ditto FRSC and the police commiserate with the families of the dead and injured victims, motorists are again urged to eschew speeding because of its attendant consequences," he concluded.

PUNCH Metro reported on May 11 that one person died in a road crash that occurred along the Ayedere village in the Obada area of the Ewekoro Local Government Area of Ogun State.

Akinbiyi had confirmed the incident in a statement.

Akinbiyi said the accident involved three persons with two of the victims sustaining injuries.

He had attributed the cause of the accident to speeding, saying it led the vehicle to tumbled to the opposite section of the highway due to loss of control and the slippery nature of the road.

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