

Six killed, three injured in

Johnson Idowu

TWO road crashes that occurred on the Lagos-Ibadan and Lagos-Abeokuta expressways on Sunday and Monday left six people dead while three others sustained varying degrees of injuries.

PUNCH Metro learnt in separate updates from the Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, Omolola Odutola, and the Commandant General of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency, Seni Ogunyemi, that the accidents were caused by drivers' loss of control and fatigue.

According to Odutola, the accident on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway occurred on Monday after the driver of a Mercedes Benz lost control and crashed into a culvert along the expressway.

Odutola said the impact of the collision caused the vehicle to flip over into the second lane, causing five passengers to die on the spot while one person sustained an injury.

She said, "The accident took place as the driver was



•One of the accident scenes

heading towards Mowe. Upon reaching the FATGBEMS bus stop by Longbridge, the driver suddenly lost control of the vehicle, crashed into the culvert, and flipped over, landing in the opposite direction.

"As a result, three male and two female adults inside the SUV were confirmed dead, and one passenger sustained injuries. The roof of the vehicle was completely torn off.

"Traffic police promptly arrived at the scene.

Photographs were taken, and the injured individual was transported to AZ Carezone Hospital in Magboro for medical treatment. Meanwhile, the bodies of the deceased were taken to Real Divine Hospital in Ibafo for preservation."

Odutola, who commiserated with the families of the deceased victims, urged road users to always exercise caution.

In a traffic update by the TRACE boss, obtained by our correspondent on Monday,

one person lost his life along the Owode-Ijako area of the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway on Sunday while two others were injured.

Ogunyemi noted that the driver of a Mazda bus had slept off while driving leading to a head collision with another granite-laden vehicle.

The impact of the collision reportedly led to the death of one person while two others were injured.

"According to eyewitnesses,

Monday, the Kano State Fire Service spokesman, ACFO Saminu Yusuf Abdullahi, said: "On Sunday, January 19, 2025, at about 18:30 hrs, the state fire service control

crew on duty from different fire stations within the metropolitan city of Kano were mobilised to the scene of the incident but the victim was conveyed

Mai Katifa, about 100 x 100 ft, used store, known as Vitaform Plaza, on the last floor, which caused the

Ogun multiple crashes

the Mazda bus driver slept behind the wheel, veered off its lane and had a head collision with the granite truck on its lane

in the process.

"Four adult males were involved, two adult males were injured while one adult male

died.

"The accident victims and the presumed dead were rescued to Royal Hospital Ifo before our

arrival, and TRACE operatives strategically positioned to monitor traffic control," Ogunyemi stated.

Man arrested over killing of 10-year-old Delta girl

Dayo Oyewo and Victoria Olumese

THE Delta State Police Command has apprehended a 20-year-old man, identified as Precious, for his alleged role in the killing of a 10-year-old girl in the Orhoakpo Ethiope East area of the state.

PUNCH Metro learnt from a video posted on X.com by the state Police Public Relations Officer, Bright Edafe, on Monday that the incident occurred on January 9.

Edafe revealed that Precious confessed to kidnapping the girl for two unidentified men, who allegedly macheted her to death after promising him N200,000.

The police spokesperson explained that Precious' girlfriend, who is the sister of the deceased, raised the alarm after discovering her sibling was missing.



• Edafe

Edafe said the girlfriend initially declined Precious' request to take one of her siblings who are triplets before the deceased's eventual disappearance.

He said, "The lady has 10-year-old triplets who are her siblings. The boy approached her and said, 'Can she give him one of them so he can use her for something?'

She declined and, of course, did not raise the alarm or report it to her parents, the community, or the police.

"Later that same day, one of the triplets went missing. When they started looking for the child, the girlfriend realised the boy had said she wanted to use her sister. She then raised the alarm, told her parents who informed the community and went to look for the guy and arrested him."

During his confession in the video, Precious admitted to taking the girl to meet the two unidentified men, claiming she was killed in his presence and buried in the community.

He also accused the girlfriend of consenting to his request the second time he approached her.

"I told her I needed her younger sister, but she refused and walked away. Then, I went back to meet her and she agreed that I should carry her. So I sent

a guy to go and call the little girl and when she came to meet me, I took her away to meet the two boys. The next day, they started looking for the girl. That was when she came to meet me and asked if I was the one who carried her. Then, I said yes. The girl was macheted in my presence and buried in the community."

Meanwhile, Edafe said the police had yet to discover where the remains of the deceased were buried while the identities of the two men had remained unknown.

He expressed outrage over the incident and emphasised the need for community vigilance and prompt reporting of suspicious behaviour.

"This is a tragic reminder of the consequences of silence in the face of danger. The police will ensure justice is served," he stated.

The Delta State Police Command urged the public to report any suspicious activities promptly to prevent such tragedies.

PUNCH Metro reported on

Why suspended Delta Catholic priest dumped

Dele Ogunyemi, Warri



marriage with Ms. Dora Chichah on December 29, 2024, at the Streams of Joy Church in Dallas,

priesthood for marriage – Sister

THE suspended Rev.