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... Gov Amosun held in gridlock for 4 hours

From SEGUN OLATUNJI, Abeokuta

No fewer than five persons were burnt beyond recognition when two trailers had a head-on collision at the Mowe/Ibafo axis of the Lagos/Ibadan Expressway on Wednesday night.

It was gathered that the accident occurred few metres from Danco Filling Station along the expressway in Obafemi/Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State.

Governor Ibikunle Amosun of Ogun State, who was on its way from Lagos, was held in the gridlock caused by the accident for about four hours.

Barely a month ago, seven persons were killed at the same spot, while 23 others were seriously injured when a trailer fell on two commercial vehicles.

It was gathered that a trailer, which broke down by the roadside had caused serious traffic congestion along the expressway, while another trailer laden with Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) en route Sagamu from Lagos drove against the traffic, facing oncoming vehicles in an attempt to manoeuvre its way through the jam in the area.

An eyewitness, who pleaded anonymity, told Daily Sun that another trailer, laden with granite en route Lagos from Abeokuta, had a head-on collision with the PMS-bearing trailer, resulting in an outbreak of fire at the scene.

The five casualties suspected to be occupants of the trailers, including the driver, and motor assistants, were said to have died on the spot as no help came their way while the inferno raged.

The Public Relations Officer of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the incident in a telephone chat with Daily Sun.

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