

held at the university, on Friday.

Two die in Ogun auto crashes

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TWO people were on Friday morning, killed in separate road accidents in Ogun State.

Saturday Tribune gathered that the driver of a petroleum tanker who was driving against traffic along the Ijebu Ode/Benin highway was killed in a head-on collision with a trailer conveying beer bottles.

In the second accident, which occurred at J4 area, also along the Ijebu Ode/Benin highway, the motor boy of a fuel tanker was burnt to death when the vehicle, in an attempt to park, fell into a ditch, thereby catching fire in the process.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Ogun State Traffic and Enforcement Compliance Corps (TRACE), Mr Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the accidents.

Akinbiyi stated that the driver of the fuel tanker who drove against traffic was to blame for the first accident.

According to him, those injured in the trailer conveying beer bottles had been taken to Rona Hospital in Ijebu Ode for treatment, while the body of the driver of the petroleum tanker had been deposited at the Ijebu Ode General Hospital morgue.

The TRACE PRO further explained that in the second

accident, which occurred at J4 junction, the driver of the petroleum tanker was coming from Lagos and was heading to the eastern part of the country. He added that he was trying to park when it fell into a ditch, thereby making the truck head to disengage, while the body of the truck fell and caught fire.

According to Akinbiyi, the driver of the truck stated that the motor boy was with him in the vehicle before it caught fire.

His body could, however, not be located by TRACE officials.

While describing the accidents as avoidable, Akinbiyi charged drivers to drive with caution.

② Court sentences driver to death for killing FRSC personnel

A state high court seating in Birnin, Kebbi State has sentenced to death one Usman Aliyu, a reckless driver popularly referred to as "Customer" who knocked to death, a Road Marshal Assistant (RMA III) Muhammad Babangida, a personnel of the Federal Road Safety Corps serving in Kebbi State. Sector Command reportedly performing his statutory responsibilities.

According to a statement by the Corps Public Education Officer, Bisi Kazeem, the incident occurred along

Ahmadu Bello Way in the state capital, Birnin, Kebbi, on April 3, 2017.

Available reports have it that the driver, Usman Aliyu, drove a black Toyota Corolla saloon car with the registration number, KLG 342 AA on the said day and initially attempted to knock down Marshal Inspector (III) Abubakar Garba Abubakar of the same patrol team, but he narrowly escaped death.

Aliyu, thereafter recklessly headed for the deceased who he ensured he knocked down and killed.

The accused, who bagged a death sentence on Wednesday, October 4, 2018 was also reported to have absconded after killing his victim. However, he got arrested along Kalgo road by men of the Nigeria Police Force after intelligence tip off.

The Corps Marshal, Dr Boboye Oyeyemi earlier reacted to the incessant killing of FRSC personnel when he lamented that, the Corps has lost 74 personnel to reckless drivers in the last 18 months.

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