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## Three die, five injured in ljebu-Ode-Benin Expressway auto crash

hree persons lost their lives while five others sustained injuries in an accident involving a Toyota Sienna and Toyota Previea at J3 Junction, Ogbere on Ijebu Ode-Benin Expressway.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Mr. Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the incident to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) yesterday in Abeokuta.

Akinbiyi said the accident, which occurred about 9.33a.m. yesterday, was caused by dangerous driving.

He said: "We learnt that a Prea-

via bus marked XD 871 KEY coming from Benin and a Sienna with registration number BDG 48 XX coming from Ijebu-Ode were involved in an accident.

There were nine passengers in the Preview and six in the Sienna, both were commercial vehicles.

"The accident was caused by the driver of the Sienna, in an attempt to make a U-turn, skidded off his lane and rammed into the oncoming Previea. b

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"The accident claimed the lives of three passengers in the

Sienna on the spot.

"Five others were injured, three of the injured passengers were in the Sienna, while two were in the Previea."

Akinbiyi said the injured victims were taken to Ise Oluwa Clinic at Ogbere, while bodies of the dead were deposited at the morgue in Ijebu-Ode General Hospital.

