

Three die, nine injured in Ondo auto crashes

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At least three lost their lives yesterday in two auto accidents on Benin-Ore Expressway.

Nine other people sustained injuries in the accidents which occurred in Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State.

It was learnt that the first crash occurred about 7.40a.m. at Ore Toll Gate, involving a Lexus 'Jeep,' with registration number KTU 141 FX and a truck marked EPE 72 SB. Two people died in the accident while three were injured.

The second accident occurred at Kilometre 115 on Ore-Sagamu Expressway, a few metres from the Ore Toll Gate, about 1p.m. The accident claimed one life while six people were injured.

The crash involved a Toyota Sienna bus, which reportedly lost control after one of its tyres exploded on motion. The bus somersaulted several times.

The identities of the victims involved in the two crashes have not been revealed as at the time of filing this report.

The Head of Operations of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in the state, Mr. Se-

gun Ogungbemide, said the accidents occurred as a result of over-speeding.

Ogungbemide said the bodies of the victims had been deposited at the morgue of Ore General Hospital, Ore, while the injured were also taken to the hospital.

He said: "The two accidents are avoidable because they occurred as a result of over-speeding by the drivers of the vehicles."

The FRSC chief urged motorists to always comply with traffic rules and regulations and avoid over-speeding.



Scene of an accident