

Two die, seven injured in Ogun auto crash

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Two persons have reportedly been killed, while six others sustained injuries in an accident at the Toll Gate, Sango-Ota area of Ogun State.

The state Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Clement Oladele, said the accident occurred on Wednesday about 5:38p.m.

Oladele said an Iveco truck with registration number AAA 214 XL, coming from Ilo-Awera Road towards Toll Gate, lost control as a result of brake failure and rammed into two vehicles and two Bajaj motorcycles.

The sector commander said 18 people, comprising 16 males and two females, were involved in the accident that led to the death of two male adults.

According to him, five male adults and a female adult sustained injuries.

He said: "The corpses of the victims have been deposited at the General Hospital, Ifo, while the survivors are receiving treatment at the General Hospital, Ota."

Oladele commiserated with the victims of the crash and urged vehicle operators, especially those of articulated vehicles, to ensure their vehicles are in good condition before plying the roads.

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

He said immediately the TRACE officials received a distress call about the crash, they rushed to the scene to rescue the victims.

Akinbiyi said the truck loaded with tiles lost its brake and rammed into vehicles and motorcycles at the bus stop.

According to him, two people died on the spot.

He said: "TRACE operatives and other sister agencies, including the FRSC, collectively rescued the situation. The situation was handled professionally. Those that died were deposited at Ifo General Hospital mortuary, while the accidented vehicles and motorcycles were cleared from the road to allow free flow of traffic."