

# Moniya-Iseyin auto crash leaves 18 dead

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**E**ighteen passengers died in an auto crash that occurred at the Iseyin end of the Moniya-Iseyin Road in Oyo State, Saturday night, nine of them being members of a Baptist Church in Ibadan.

A commercial bus that was coming from Saki Town had a reverend father and eight of the church members when it collided with another commercial bus coming from Ibadan around Kraal Market area. Cause of the accident was over speeding by the drivers of the two vehicles, New Telegraph learnt.

Sources close to one of the victims revealed that the nine church members went to Saki for a ceremony and were on their way back when the incident occurred. The bodies of the nine were deposited at Our Lady Hospital in Iseyin, while some others were deposited at FADOK hospital, also in Iseyin.

Wife of the Reverend Father, who was still in coma as at the time of filing this report, was said to have suffered broken legs and arms.

According to a source, she was yet to know the status of her husband and other members involved in the accident.

Meanwhile, the Oyo State government has been enjoined to urgently put in

place, speed breakers at locations like: 'Serafu', Kilometre 2 Cattle Market and the Iseyin Muslim Burial ground Junction along Iseyin-Moniya road to dissuade motorists from over-speeding.

## Gunmen abduct Ogun NYCN coordinator, demand N30m ransom

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**G**unmen have abducted Olamilekan Okunuga, the Coordinator of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) in Odogbolu Local Government Area of Ogun State.

New Telegraph gathered that, Okunuga was kidnapped on Thursday, along Ogere axis while returning from Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

Our correspondent further learnt that, the gunmen accosted Okunuga's car when he was driving himself from the Oyo State capital.

Okunuga's car was abandoned by the roadside as the kidnappers dragged him away

into the forest.

The State Chairman of the NYCN, Abduljabar Ayelaagbe, confirmed the incident to our correspondent yesterday.

According to Ayelaagbe, the kidnappers have contacted the family members of the victim, demanding a ransom of N30million before Okunuga would be released.

The NYCN chairman told our correspondent that the victim's car was later recovered from an unknown person, who was said to be driving it along Ogijo.

Ayelaagbe said, "Our coordinator at Odogbolu Local Government was kidnapped about two or three days ago around Ogere in Ogun State. He went to Ibadan, but on his way back, he was abducted by the kidnappers.