



6 Matriculating Students Killed in Accident

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Tragedy struck in Ila-Orangun, headquarters of Ila Local Government Area of Osun State on Wednesday, as six students of the state college of education died in motor accident shortly after leaving the matriculation venue.

The students were said to have left the college hall, venue of the matriculation ceremony, while their matriculation was going on to attend to their guests at a joint in the town.

The accidents, which happened at two locations in the town, claimed the lives of four of the victims instantly, while two sustained serious injuries and died before they got to the hospital.

THISDAY further gathered that the students, who were heavily drunk, rode motorcycles from the college campus to Isedo area of the town.

A reliable source at the scene of the accident told our correspondent that the motorcycle somersaulted thrice, and efforts to rescue the victims proved abortive.

The accident did not, however, affect the conduct of the matriculation ceremony, as officials of the college insisted that they were not aware of the accidents.

An official of the college who spoke with our correspondent on condition of anonymity said the college could not be affected since the accidents occurred outside the college campus.