



① 2 killed, 7 injured in Ilorin auto accidents

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ILORIN — TWO secondary school students were killed, while seven others sustained various degrees of injuries in multiple motor accidents in Ilorin, Kwara State.

Vanguard gathered the accidents happened Wednesday at Gaa Odota area along Ilorin-Ogbomoso high way.

Vanguard also learnt that the deceased students were said to be standing by the road side before being crushed to death by one of the ill-fated vehicles.

It was also gathered that the incident which occurred around 2pm at Gaa Odota junction, opposite Alade filling station, was caused by a commercial taxi driver picking passengers in an unauthorized area.

An Eyewitness claimed that a tipper loaded with sand on high speed rammed into the commercial cab, forcing the cab to hit two other vehicles and a tricycle.

According to him, "The taxi driver just stopped to pick passengers. He did not park properly, so the loaded Tipper coming behind on a high speed rammed into the taxi and hit the two secondary school students standing by the road. The cab also hit two other vehicles and a tricycle. It was later we learnt that the break of the Tipper failed."

Kwara State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps Jonathan Owoade, who confirmed the incident, attributed the cause of the crash to excessive speed.

Mr. Owoade noted that nine persons were involved in the accident, informing that relations of the deceased had claimed the corpses of the dead students.