Six dead, five others injured in auto crash in Oyo



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SIX people have been killed while five others sustained serious injuries in an auto crash that happened in Amuloko area of Ibadan.

According to an eyewitness, the accident involved two trucks, a tricycle and one commercial motorcycle popularly called Okada.

Sources at the scene of the accident said some students who were going to school were among the victims of the accident.

Among those who died was a mother who was believed to be taking her Ward to school. The school pupil was lucky but sustained minor injuries.

The accident was said to have been caused by a trailer that lost control while trying to descend a sloppy part of the road.

"The trailer was coming down the slope when its brake system failed. Another truck coming behind was trying to avoid collision and crashed into a tricycle which was conveying some students and other passengers."

"Before help could come, some of the passengers had died while some were injured."

The injured victims including two school children were rushed to Amuloko City Hospital for treatmen A member of the Oyo Road Transport Maintenance Agency (OYRTMA), who was not authorized to speak noted that the accident happened early in the morning on Monday.

He confirmed that the accident was caused by the trailer which lost control while descending a slope The trailer crushed a tricycle and a truck.

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He said six people died and five others were injured.

Dr. Raji Wale, the Managing Director of Amuloko City Hospital, confirmed that four patients were brought to his hospital. "Six injured victims were brought here. Two have been treated as outpatients while two children are still being treated. One of the children was in the tricycle with his mother who unfortunately died".

The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in Oyo State through Mrs Rosemary Alo confirmed the accident. She, however, could not give details because she was waiting for the team sent to the scene of the accident.