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Six die in Ondo governor's convoy accident

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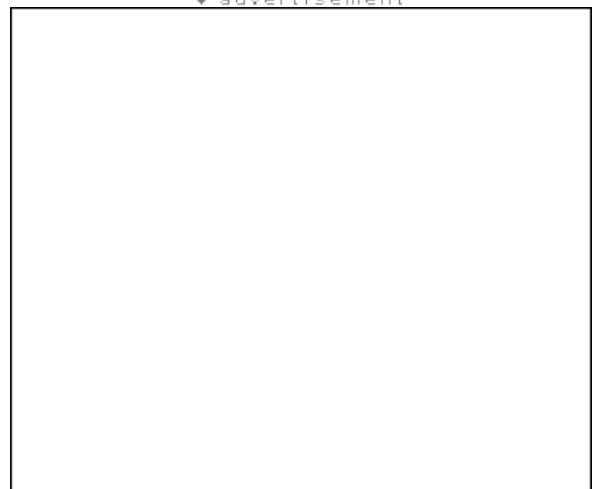
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A ROAD crash involving the convoy of the Ondo State Governor, Olusegun Mimiko, has claimed six lives.

Three of the victims were employees of the state Ministry of Information attached to the press crew in the Governor's Office.

Six reporters from various media houses sustained serious injuries in the accident, which occurred when the bus conveying them had a head-on collision with another vehicle.

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The injured are currently receiving treatment at the Okitipupa General Hospital while the remains of the dead had been deposited at the hospital's morgue.

The accident occurred at a bend on the Ilutitun-Akinfosile Road while the governor's convoy, which left the Arogbo-Ibe venue of the militants' disarmament event on Sunday, was on its way to Lagos for another engagement. The convoy took the route to avoid the bad portions of the Ore section of the Shagamu-Benin express road.

The driver of the commercial bus reportedly lost control of the vehicle and rammed into the governor's convoy, making the 18-seater Press Crew bus to roll over before catching fire.

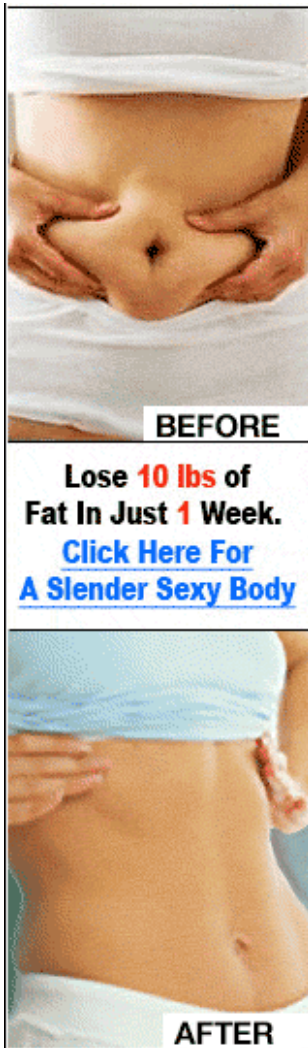
Eyewitnesses said the driver of the press crew bus and two other persons died, while the three occupants of the commercial bus also lost their lives in the crash.

Mimiko, who immediately took charge of the accident scene, personally conveyed the injured to the hospital.

A statement by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Kolawole Olabisi, disclosed that Mimiko was shocked and personally touched that the three

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members of the Press Crew, whom he described as dutiful, loyal and committed to their duties, lost their lives in the course of their official duties.

The statement added that the governor had cancelled all official engagements, including his presence at the National Council of States and the Governors' Forum meetings in Abuja due to the crash incident.

In a reaction, the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) has described the death of two of its members and the press crew bus driver as "tragic".

The union gave the names of the deceased NUJ members as Mr. S.B. Elekan and Adewunmi Olatunji of the state Ministry of Information.

It also declared a three-day mourning period starting from today in honour of the dead and prayed for the repose of their souls.

The union, in a statement by the Ondo State Council Chairman, Dele Atunbi, said the recurring loss of journalists' lives in governors' convoys was worrisome and called for an investigation of the phenomenon.

The NUJ recalled that six of its members died in the convoy of the Ogun State Governor, Gbenga Daniel, in 2003 while five others died in 2006 in the convoy of the former Plateau State Governor, Joshua Dariye.

It stressed the need to institute special insurance policy for reporters, particularly those attached to government officials in view of their constant exposure to risks.

The union commiserated with the families of the dead, the state government and the people of Ondo State over the irreparable losses.

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