

Six killed, others injured in multi-vehicle crashes on Kara Bridge

As another crash claims five in Ondo

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SIX persons were confirmed dead and more than ten others injured between Wednesday night and Thursday morning in multiple crashes that occurred on the Kara Bridge, along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

One of the accident vehicles, a truck with two occupants, was said to have fallen into the Isheri River after the driver lost control and was still submerged under the water as at the time of filing this report.

Four different incidents occurred around the same area of the bridge with all of them blamed on over-speeding and non-adherence to traffic regula-

tions.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) confirmed the incidents and appealed to drivers, especially truck drivers, to obey all traffic laws.

The Sector Public Education Officer, SRC Oluwadamilola Jayeola, in a statement on Thursday said "Operatives responded promptly to all the crashes within minutes, ensuring quick rescue operations, removal of obstructions, and restoration of traffic flow."

The first accident, which happened around 8pm on Wednesday involved two DAF trucks with the Registration Numbers GGE 24 YJ & and SBG 192 XB (both white).

Seven persons reportedly sustained varying degrees of injury in the accident.

On the same day, around

9:40 pm, another accident occurred on the same bridge involving two DAF trucks resulting in the death of four persons.

Two other persons were reportedly injured in the second crash, which has also been attributed to speed violation and loss of control.

One of the injured victims of the accident whose case was critical was rushed to a private hospital in Magboro, while the other was taken to the Lagos State Accident & Emergency Centre, Ojota.

On the same day and on the same bridge, another accident occurred, this time a lone accident involving three passengers.

One of the passengers died on the spot, while the two others were injured.

The fourth accident on the bridge occurred early

Thursday when two truck drivers were trying to overtake each other on the bridge. One of the trucks lost control and reportedly skidded off the road and fell into the river.

A total of five occupants were in the two vehicles. One of them was recovered dead, while two others were injured. Two other people were still submerged with the truck under the water as of the time of filing this report.

Meanwhile, no fewer than five persons also lost their lives in a fatal auto crash that occurred at Oyin junction in Ilu Abo, in Akure North Local Government Area of Ondo State.

The accident which involved a Nissan Sunny car and a DAF tipper truck occurred when the two vehicles had a head-on

collision, leaving five of the passengers dead while two others sustained injuries.

An eyewitness stated that the victims were on their way to the popular Ogbese Market, on the outskirts of Akure, for the weekly trading when the incident happened.

Some of the victims of the accident were rushed to the hospital for treatment while the remains of the dead victims were deposited at Federal Medical Centre, Owo.

While confirming the incident, the Ondo State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Dr. Samuel Ibitoye, attributed the crash to over-speeding on the part of the drivers.

"Seven people were involved, five were killed - comprising one male adult,

three female adults, and one female child - while two others were injured," Ibitoye said.

He added that the remains of the deceased had been deposited at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Owo, by personnel from the FRSC Owo Unit command.

Ibitoye lamented the rising cases of avoidable accidents on major routes across the state, saying the command had intensified engagements with tipper drivers and other motorists along the Akure-Ogbese axis to promote safer driving practices.

He urged motorists to adopt defensive driving techniques, especially during the ember months, stressing the need for road users to drive responsibly to safeguard lives and support national development.

Police rescue six as bandits

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