

Three burnt beyond recognition in Ogun tanker accident

•Three die in Lagos-Ibadan expressway auto-crash

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The Ogun command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has said two children and an adult were burnt beyond recognition in an accident involving a petrol tanker around Idi Iroko area of the state on Thursday.

The Idi Iroko unit commander of the FRSC, Irunoje David, said in Abeokuta that the accident involving 18 people occurred at about 1a.m at Aseko Agosasa road in Idi Iroko.

He said a fuel-laden articulated vehicle marked LAGOS AAA 36 XA lost control and rammed into two other tankers before it caught fire.

"I think there was a spark from the tanker and then it caught fire; the two children and another person were burnt beyond recognition."

"Their bodies had been deposited at the General Hospital, Ibadan, while others in critical conditions are still receiving treatment," he said.

The unit commander urged drivers to observe the rules and regulations on safe driving.

In a related development, an accident, which occurred in the early hours of Thursday

on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, has claimed three people and injured 12 others.

The Lagos-bound Hiace bus, which was coming from Osogbo, lost control after a burst tyre in front of Guru Maharaji village close to Ibadan.

The Oyo State FRSC sector commander, Godwin Ogagaoghene, who confirmed the incident, said the vehicle with Lagos registration number YB 65 MUS was conveying 15 passengers.

Ogagaoghene said that two male passengers and the driver died on the spot while two females and 10 males sustained injuries.

He attributed the cause of the accident to over speeding.

"Action has been taken as those injured were immediately rushed to the State Hospital, Adeoyo, by our rescue team where they are receiving treatment."

"The corpses of those who died have been deposited at the University College Hospital (UCH) morgue and relatives of the victims have been advised to go there to identify their folks," he said.

He said a total sum of N360, 275 belonging to the victims was recovered from the crash scene.

Police confirm killing of four persons in Adamawa

The Adamawa police command on Thursday confirmed the killing of four people by gunmen in Song town, the headquarters of Song Local Government Area.

The spokesman for the command, Mohammed Ibrahim, a DSP, said the early morning attack claimed the lives of a soldier, a policeman, an old woman and her grandchild.

Ibrahim said the gunmen, who used machine gun and explosives, burnt the Song Divisional Police Station and the Local Government Secretariat. The Song attack came less than a week after a similar attack in Maiha, Hong and

Fufore local government areas of the state.

In Maiha, two people lost their lives in the attack that affected the police station, prison, area court, local education authority, Customs post and district head's office.

In Hong, where police repelled the attackers from burning the Divisional Police Station, two people sustained bullet injuries, including the newly elected Hong Local Government chairman, Ahmed Yerima, who was hit by a stray bullet.

Meanwhile, residents of Yola, the state capital, are apprehensive over the development.

Akunyili denies governorship ambition

Dora Akunyili, former minister of information, has debunked rumours of her ambition to contest the governorship election in Anambra in November 2013.

Akunyili, who made this known when he addressed newsmen in Awka on Thursday, described the rumour as a big distraction.

"Must I run for every election, it is an unnecessary

distraction," she said, noting that she might eventually re-contest the senatorial position "when the time is ripe".

Akunyili, who is also a former director-general of the National Agency for Food, Drugs, Administration and Control (NAFDAC) added, "When the time comes I will run for it and safeguard my vote."

She warned rumour mongers to desist from their action. (NAN)