

organisations and civil society groups were expected to attend.

15 die in Ogbomoso auto crash

Fifteen persons on Sunday died in an auto crash along Ogbomoso-Oyo-Ibadan road.

The accident occurred when a fully loaded PMS tanker coming from Oyo-Ibadan end of the road rammed over an 18-seater commercial bus coming from Ilorin-Ogbomoso at a sharp bend near Odo-Oba village, five kilometres to Ogbomoso.

It would be recalled that a fully loaded tanker with fuel had broken down at the scene of the crash for the past one week.

According to an eyewitness account, the impact of the collision caused the tanker loaded with fuel to slide down, subsequently its contents spilled and it exploded.

It was gathered that three persons escaped death in the 18-seater bus.

Following the accident, the Ibadan-Ogbomoso-Oyo highway experienced heavy hold up.

Men of the fire service had to mobilise to the scene as officials of the Nigerian army and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) were also on hand in the rescue operation and ensured that the property of the victims were not tampered with.