

Lagos black Saturday:5 die, 7 injured in autocrash

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Five persons died and seven injured when four lorries were involved in an accident early on Saturday at Ibafo, on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports.

One of the lorries was carrying tyres while another one was loaded with electronics equipment, according to an eye witness who said that the accident occurred around 5 a.m.

The two vehicles caught fire following the accident, and NAN reports that as at 1 pm, the fire was still raging owing to the combustible nature of the goods.

Travellers were wedged in the resultant traffic logjam, while in a bid to manoeuvre, many motorists drove against traffic, compounding the situation.

The Search and Rescue Officer in National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Mr Peter Agaba told NAN that the corpses, as well as those injured, among them five with critical injuries, had been taken to a hospital in Ojota.

Officials of the NEMA and Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) were at the scene of the accident and also around to control traffic.