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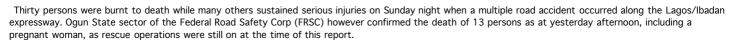
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## 30 DIE IN LAGOS-IBADAN AUTO CRASH

Written by Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta Tuesday, 30 October 2007



The accident, Daily Trust learnt, occurred at Ayetoro Village, a few kilometers away from the sprawling Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) on the Lagos/lbadan expressway. It involved a petrol tanker heading towards lbadan/Abeokuta/Sagamu, which crashed, exploded and caught another seven vehicles, three commuter buses and four cars, in the inferno.

The FRSC Public Education Officer (PEO) of the sector, Oluwole Oluwasola who spoke to Daily Trust at the sector's office in Abeokuta, said the reports of the multiple accident came to the Command very late in the evening and as such, the actual cause of the accident could not be ascertained.

He however said the petrol tanker, whose plate number as well as those of others involved in the accident could not confirmed, "might have crashed down and caught fire, while oncoming vehicles run into the raging fire.'

The PEO added that three cars and four commercial buses were spotted at the scene of the accident when men of the FRSC arrived the scene, "and by that night 10 persons were confirmed dead on the spot. By this morning, another three have been confirmed dead, while rescue operation was still on as at this

Oluwasola said the death toll would not have been high if the accident had occurred in the daytime, "because our men would have arrived early at the scene. But, before we got the information and mobilized the Police and Fire-fighters, the causality figure was high.'

He said the total number of the victims could not be ascertained until the rescue operation is completed.

The accident had serious impact on the ever busy expressway, as those coming from Lagos to either Abeokuta, Ibadan, Sagamu and even those traveling outside the Southwest area were stuck for several hours on Monday, as a result of traffic holdup.

The FRSC officer said motorists have been advised to find alternative routes close to them to get out of the congestion.

He also disclosed that remains of those who lost their lives in the accident had been deposited at the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital, Sagamu, while those with injuries are also receiving treatment at the same hospital.

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