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51 die in Sokoto, Kogi, Abia, Osun road crashes

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A total of 51 people have died in road crashes that occurred in Sokoto, Kogi, Abia and Osun states between Sunday night and yesterday.

In Sokoto, a motor accident along Kware-Gwadabawa road claimed 30 lives.

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The accident which involved a truck and a Toyota Spora vehicle said to be conveying a newly wedded bride and some members of her family occurred around 8pm on Sunday.

Witnesses said the truck was coming from Illela Local Government Area (LGA) of Sokoto when one of its tyres burst and it rammed into the Spora which was coming from Kware LGA, resulting in the death of the 30 people.

The spokesman of the Sokoto State Sector Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Aliyu Kanya said the accident was caused by over speeding. He said the accident claimed 20 lives while 12 others, including the bride, sustained injuries.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Ibrahim Abaras said the accident killed 22 people while 13 sustained injuries.

He said that the number of the death could be more as some of the corpses were taken away by their relatives before the arrival of the police.

In Kogi State, the FRSC confirmed that 11 people died in a motor accident along the Okene - Lokoja highway.

The FRSC Sector Commander in the state, Mr Olusegun Martins, told newsmen in Lokoja yesterday that the accident occurred at a sharp corner on the road Monday evening.

He said 23 other passengers sustained injuries in the accident which involved 34 people and two vehicles: a Toyota Corolla car and a trailer loaded with cows, foodstuffs and humans.

Martins said that six of the victims died on the spot while five others died in the hospital.

He said all the dead victims and the injured were from the trailer coming from Abuja while the driver of the car and its other occupants escaped unhurt.

Martins said that the accident occurred when the trailer hit the car from behind before losing control and crashing into a nearby bush.

The sector commander said the corpses of the victims were taken to the morgue of the General Hospital, Okene while the injured

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were taken to TAO Hospital and God's Mercy Hospital in Okene and the Federal Medical Centre, Lokoja.

In Abia, the state secretary and one other person who are members of the women Wing of the Christian Association of Nigeria (WOWI CAN) Gombe chapter yesterday died in an auto crash at Ubakala Umuahia junction, along Enugu/Port Harcourt expressway on their way from the 2017 annual national conference held in Port Harcourt.

The development was confirmed by the Abia State Chairman of CAN, Senior Apostle Emmanuel Agomoh.

And in Osun State yesterday, eight people died while nine were injured in a motor accident involving some Osun traders.

Daily Trust learnt that the accident occurred at a boundary town between Oyo and Osun State when the driver of the vehicle allegedly dozed off due to fatigue.

Our correspondent gathered that the traders were coming from Ilesa-Baruba market around Saki where they had gone to buy some goods.

The Sector Commander of FRSC in Osun State, Mr Anthony Oko confirmed the incident.

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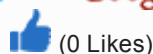
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