

* 17 die in multiple road crash on Lagos-Ibadan expressway *

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Seventeen corpses were reportedly recovered when a truck collided with a commercial vehicle and went up in flames along the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

Our correspondent gathered that the incident occurred few metres away from Isara bridge at 5am yesterday.

It was learnt that the truck and the Mazda bus marked ZT728 KLD collided on the highway and the bus went up in flames, killing

many of the passengers.

The spokesperson of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ogun command, Florence Okpe, who confirmed the accident, said some victims were burnt beyond recognition.

Okpe said the command could

not ascertain the number of those involved in the crash, but 17 bodies had been recovered from the scene.

"The suspected causes of the fatal crash were route violation and dangerous driving, which resulted in a head-on collision and fire outbreak," she said.

(2) 1 dies, many injured as fire razes IDP camp in Maiduguri

Hassan Ibrahim, Maiduguri

One person has been killed and scores of people injured following a fire outbreak at Kalari Muna Elbadawy Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp in

Maiduguri, Borno State.

Daily Trust Saturday gathered that the fire, which occurred around 1.30pm yesterday, destroyed properties and dozens of shanties that shelter the displaced persons..

The inferno was said to have

emanated from the point where a displaced person was cooking.

The principal information officer of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in the state, Abdulkadir Ibrahim, who confirmed the incident to newsmen,

said operatives of Fire Service brought the situation under control.

Ibrahim added that officials of the NEMA, the Nigerian Red Cross, BOMESA and other stakeholders administered first aid to the injured victims.