Eight Die As Gas Tanker, Car Collide In Ogun



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At least eight persons reportedly died on Monday when a gas-laden tanker and a Volvo 626 car collided along Idiroko-Ota road in Ogun State.

Our correspondent gathered that the crash occurred at about 1:20pm in the Olokuta area of the Idiroko-Ota route.

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The spokesman for the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in the state, Florence Okpe, said the crash was as a result of wrongful overtaking.

Okpe said the accident involved 10 persons; six died while two others sustained injuries.

She added that the FRSC operatives later recovered bodies of two other victims trapped under the crashed vehicles.

Okpe explained that, "the gas is spilling seriously, making the rescue operations difficult."

She said, "The injured victims were taken to a hospital for medical attention. The fire service was contacted immediately. The scene of the crash has been cordoned off to avert a secondary crash.

"FRSC operatives are fully on the ground managing the situation and making efforts to remove the trapped bodies.

"Motorists are advised to drive cautiously, remain calm and cooperate with FRSC personnel pending when the situation is put to order."