

8 die, 22 injured in Ogun New Year road crashes

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At least eight persons have died, while 22 others sustained varying degrees of injury in two separate accidents in Ogun State on Sunday.

Our correspondent gathered that the first accident occurred along the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, which claimed seven lives.

The spokesman for the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ogun Command, Florence Okpe, said the accident occurred a few metres before GOFAMINT on the highway.

According to her, a total of 25 persons, comprising 17 male adults and eight female adults were involved in the accident.

Okpe said the accident involved a Toyota Hiace bus, marked AKD 693 XW and a Mack tanker, with registration number, GZA 215 XA.

"A total of 16 persons sustained various degrees of injury (10 male



■ Dauda Biu, Corps Marshal, FRSC adults and 6 female adults) while seven persons were recorded dead from the crash (six male adults and one female adult) and two others unhurt.

"The suspected cause of the crash was excessive speed on the part of the Toyota bus driver who lost control and rammed into the moving truck from behind as a result of speed.

"The injured victims were taken to Victory Hospital, Ogere for medical attention while the corpses were deposited at FOS morgue, Ipara", Okpe said.

The second accident occurred along the Sagamu-Benin expressway and claimed one life while six others were injured.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Babatunde Akinbiyi who confirmed the accident said, the accident involved a Toyota Sienna with registration number, EL 839 FST and a Toyota RAV 4 marked, 6172 DLA.

Akinbiyi said the vehicles had head on collision.