

# 7 burnt to death, 18 injured on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway crash

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At least seven persons have been reportedly burnt to death while 18 others sustained varying degrees of injuries in a crash along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on Thursday.

It was gathered that the accident which occurred by the Sapade Bridge at about 9:21am involved a Toyota Sienna marked BWR762PV and a Mazda bus with registration number BDN18 LG.

Our correspondent gathered that the driver of the Sienna was driving against the traffic and in the process collided

with the Mazda, which ignited fire.

The spokesman of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ogun State, Florence Okpe, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Abeokuta, on Thursday.

Okpe said a total of 27 persons - 25 male adults, two female adults and one female child - were involved in the crash, out of which seven persons died while 18 sustained injuries.

"A total of seven persons were burnt beyond recognition," she said.

She blamed the accident on "excessive speed and route

violation on the part of the (driver of) Sienna bus who followed one way and collided with the Mazda bus and unfortunately, there was a fire outbreak."

Okpe said the injured victims were taken to Victory Hospital, Ogere; and Idera Hospital, Sagamu, for medical treatment while the remains of the deceased were deposited at the FOS morgue at Ipara.

She quoted the FRSC Sector Commander, Ahmed Umar, to have cautioned motorists "on the dangers of route violation and excessive speed," urging them to drive cautiously and consider other road users.