

5 killed, 12 injured in Lagos-Ibadan Highway crash

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Five persons died on Sunday morning when a truck conveying cows and other goods crashed along the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

Our correspondent gathered that the crash occurred at about 6:15 a.m., a few metres before Foursquare Camp in Ogun State.

Spokesman of the Federal Road Safety Corps

(FRSC), Florence Okpe, confirmed the incident, saying, "A total of 21 persons were involved in the multiple crash, all male adults."

Okpe disclosed that, "12 people were injured and unfortunately five persons were recorded dead from the road traffic crash and the remaining were unhurt."

She said the accident involved a Daf truck with registration number KMC- 810ZB; a Toyota bus marked TMA- 244XA, and

a Mitsubishi pickup with no registration number on it.

She said the Daf truck had a tyre bust while at high speed and this led to a loss of control.

"The truck crashed and occupied the road and others were running into the crashed vehicle," Okpe explained.

She added that the injured victims were taken to Victory Hospital, Ogere, for medical attention, while the bodies of the deceased were deposited at FOS

morgue, Ipara, all in Ogun State.

Okpe quoted the Sector Commander of the FRSC in Ogun, Anthony Uga, to have advised motorists to shun the use of sub-standard tyres, even as he charged them to apply common sense speed limit, especially in the rainy season.

Uga sympathised with the families of the victims, enjoining them to visit the Ogunmakin office of the FRSC for more information about the crash.

