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9 killed, 7 Injured on Lagos-Abeokuta expressway accident

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t least nine persons
died on Tuesday
night while seven
others sustained injuries in
an accident along Lagos Abeokuta expressway.

Our correspondent gathered that the accident occurred at 8:am involving a truck and a Mazda bus at Kere Bridge on the highway.

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

Okpe said it was caused by speeding, route violation which led to head-on collision between the truck without registration number and the bus marked SMK 808 YD.

She said a total of 17 persons were involved which comprised seven men, nine women and one female child.

"A total of seven persons were injured which comprised five women, one man and one female child.

"Unfortunately, nine persons were recorded dead from the crash comprising five men and four women," she said.

Okpe stated that the injured victims were taken to General Hospital, Ijaye, while the deceased were deposited at a hospital in Abeokuta.

She quoted the sector commander, Anthony Uga, to have cautioned motorists on route violation and excessive speed, pointing out the dangers associated with the two critical offences.