

Nine killed in Ogun road accident

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No fewer than nine people lost their lives yesterday in two separate accidents on the Sagamu-Ijebu Ode-Benin Expressway, Ogun State.

The first crash occurred around 5:40am on the Ijebu-Ife corridor while the second occurred at about 8:20am on the same axis.

The first crash involved a Toyota picnic car with registration number KTP 812 RG, and a red Truck, with registration number JEG 551 XA, leaving two dead and others injured.

The crash was suspected to have been caused by an armed robbery attack, which prompted the driver of the Toyota Picnic to attempt reversing to safety on the highway. In the process of escaping, the oncoming truck rammed into the vehicle and fell into the ditch in the process.

The second crash, involving 19 people, had a white Mack tanker with registration number AGL 667 XX and a Toyota Hiace commuter bus with registration number KJA 534 XL, in a collision. Seven people died, while 10 were injured in the bus coming from Okitipupa, Ondo State.

According to the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), the accident was due to a head-on collision resulting from over-speeding and loss of control.

It was learnt that the commuter bus, due to excessive speed could not maneuver the diversion point and in the process collided head-on with the truck.

The FRSC Ogun State Sector Commander, Clement Oladele told The Guardian that the injured victims were taken to the General Hospital, Ijebu-Ode for treatment while the dead victims were deposited at the same hospital.

While commiserating with families of the victims, he urged them to visit the medical institutions or the FRSC Command at Ijebu-Ode, for details of the two crashes

He admonished motorists to drive cautiously and within approved speed limits, and resist dangerous overtaking to avoid crashes.

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