

13 die, 12 injured in Lagos-Ibadan expressway crash

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NO fewer than 13 persons were confirmed dead while 12 others sustained injuries, yesterday, in an accident involving an unregistered Volvo truck and a commercial Mazda bus opposite Wichtech Roofing and Pipes on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

The spokesman of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Mr. Babatunde Alinbiyi, confirmed the incident to journalists in Abeokuta.

According to Akinbiyi, the accident occurred at 4:00 p.m.

He stated the commercial bus driver wrongly overtook an ongoing vehicle on motion, which led to loss of control, saying that the bus rammed into a broken down truck with waste disposal.

He said that the commercial bus was loaded with 25 passengers instead of 18, saying the bus was overloaded.

He noted that 25 people, comprising nine men, eight women and eight minors, were involved in the acci-

dent.

He stated that 12 people, comprising five men, three women and four minors were injured while 13 persons, comprising four male, five female and four minors, died in the accident.

He said: "We learnt the commercial bus was coming from Lagos, when it overtook the vehicle at its front wrongly, before ramming into a stationed vehicle at the road side, killing nine persons in the vehicle on the spot.

"The remaining four died at Idera Hospital where they

were taken to by TRACE and Federal Road Safety Corps (gravy) officials."

Akinbiyi explained that the injured victims were rescued to Idera Hospital while the deceased were deposited at same hospital mortuary in Sagamu, saying the vehicles had been towed to Sagamu Police Station.

"TRACE Corps will continue to insist that the road side is not a mechanic workshop where cars should be parked or repaired for whatever fault because of its attendant consequences," he said.

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