

## Eight die, 17 injured in Akwa-Ibom, Lagos-Abeokuta expressway auto crashes

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**E**ight people were confirmed dead yesterday, while 17 others got injured in two different accidents along Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway and Uyo-Ikot Ekpene Express Way in Akwa-Ibom State.

While six people died in the accident in Lagos, two died in Akwa-Ibom, with 12 and five injuries respectively.

Confirming the accident, Ogun State Sector Commander of Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr. Ahmed Umar said the accident occurred at 2:10p.m. involving a Mitsubishi canter and Mazda bus along Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway.

He attributed the cause of the accident to dangerous driving.

He said: "A total of 38 people were involved in the accident which comprised 20 men, 13 women, three male children and two female children."

"Twelve people were injured, eight men, three women and one female child. A total of six deaths were recorded from the crash, comprising four men, one male child and one female child."

Umar stressed that the sur-



The accident sceneThe accident scene along the Lagos-Abeokuta expressway.... yesterday. PHOTO: CHANNELS

vivors are receiving treatment at the State Hospital, Abeokuta, while the deceased have been deposited in the hospital's morgue.

**S**IMILARLY, Akwa-Ibom Sector Commander, Mr.

Matthew Olonisaye said two minors were confirmed dead, while five others sustained injuries in an auto crash which occurred along Uyo-Ikot Ekpene Expressway.

yesterday, described the accident as unfortunate as it happened at the beginning of the new year. He attributed the incident to wrongful overtaking involving a truck and a motorcycle

and cautioned road users to always obey traffic regulations.

Olonisaye said seven people were involved in the accident including one male and female adult, three male and two female children, adding that one male and female children lost their lives in the carnage.

He said the corpses have been deposited at the mortuary unit of Ikot Ekpene General hospital, while those injured are receiving medical treatment at the same facility.

He said: "Drivers should stop abusing the usage of the road by obeying traffic rules and regulations. It's unfortunate that this happened at the beginning of the new year. We commiserate with the families of the dead children."

"Motorcycle riders should be reminded that motorcycles under 50 cubic centimetres are not allowed to ply the highway and should not overtake by the right hand side of the vehicle. "Drivers should not forget that motorcycle riders are human beings and should not be harassed on the highway."