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15 Feared Dead In Lagos-Ibadan Expressway Accident

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No fewer than 15 persons may have died on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway on Friday.

The accident, which, according to an eye witness, involved a trailer and a petrol tanker, occurred

when the trailer had a burst tyre and rammed into the 33,000-litre tanker, close to the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) camp near the Lagos end of the expressway.

A Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) source, who craved anonymity, told *Saturday Independent* that the

vehicles burst into flames upon impact.

He said the men of the Ogun State Command of the FRSC have been at the scene of the accident trying to salvage the situation and control traffic.

"Three cars and two buses were trapped when the fire resulted from the collision, all

the vehicles but the tanker were burnt, including, sadly, their occupants," the FRSC source said.

As at the time of filing this report, men from the Sagamu, Ogere and Abeokuta Sector Command were assisting to restore normalcy to the scene.

Speaking in an interview, FRSC Sector Commander in

Ogun State, Olu-Mike Olagunju, blamed the accident on poor maintenance culture, "which is something we have always talked about."

He added that lack of respect for other road users as well as speed have always accounted for carnage on Nigerian roads.

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