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Seven killed in Lagos-Ibadan toll gate crash

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The ember month tragedy struck on Wednesday as seven people died in an auto crash at the old toll gate end of Lagos-Ibadan expressway involving a 14-seater commercial bus.

The bus, which was with the Lagos commercial colour popularly called Jakande colour, was with registration number Lagos XW 812 APP.

It was a gory site as the victims of the accident were burnt beyond recognition. The accident was said to have occurred at about 4.25p.m.

Eyewitness account revealed that one of the tyres of the bus which was heading to Ijebu-Ode from Mile 2 Garage bust on top speed and eventually somersaulted after the driver applied the break.

Two of the survivors, Kolawole Adeniran and Korie Samuel, who spoke with *Daily Independent* in emotion laden voices, explained that the accident would have been avoided but for the in experience on the part of the driver.

Adeniran explained that the bus caught fire immediately it somersaulted.

He said: "I was sitting right behind the drive when I suddenly heard a loud bang and before we could know what was going on, the driver hurriedly applied the break and the bus somersaulted immediately.

"I was able to manage to escape from the widow because the bus rested on the ground from the other side, and I saw the driver running away."

As at the time of filling this report, five of the survivors who sustained serious injuries, were said to be receiving treatment at a nearby hospital, while the remains of the burnt victims were taken to the Isolo mortuary.



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