

20 Die In Jigawa, Ogun Auto Crashes

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SP Abdu Jinjiri, spokesman of Jigawa Police Command

Abeokuta – No fewer than 15 persons died in an accident involving a Sharon bus and a truck along Gujungu-Gumel Road in Kaugama Local Government Area of Jigawa State.

Similarly, five persons died and 13 others injured in an accident that occurred on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway on Sunday.

SP Abdu Jinjiri, spokesman of Jigawa Police Command, told newsmen on Sunday that the Sharon bus and truck accident occurred on Saturday about 7:30p.m.

Jinjiri said that the Sharon vehicle which was supposed to carry seven passengers, was overloaded with 14 people.

"A seven-passenger capacity vehicle overloaded with 14 passengers rammed into a truck coming from the opposite direction on Gujungu-Gumel Road.

"As a result, nine of the passengers died on the spot, while the rest were rushed to Gumel General Hospital in Gumel Local Government Area.

"Nine males including the driver of the Sharon bus, four females and two children died in the accident.

"It was possible the driver of the overloaded vehicle was on high speed and could not control it, anyway, only investigation will reveal the real cause of the accident," Jinjiri said.

He said that the driver of the truck aged 22 was under the police custody as investigation was ongoing.

The police spokesman cautioned motorists against over speeding under whatever circumstances.

Unofficial sources said the overloaded bus was heading to Daura Local Government Area in Katsina State.