

7 Die, Others Injured In Lagos-Ibadan Road Accidents

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At least seven people have been confirmed dead and 14 others sustained varying degrees of injuries in two separate accidents which occurred yesterday on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

While five people died in the first accident which occurred around the Four-square Gospel Camp in Ajebo area of Obafemi-Owode local government area of the road corridor, two others lost their lives in the second accident which happened at the old Toll Gate at Ogere in the Ikenne local government area of Ogun State.

The spokesperson of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Florence Okó, who confirmed the death of the five victims at the Foursquare Camp, said the accident involved a passenger Mazda bus with registration number SMK 685 YG, which rammed into a moving "HOWO" truck marked: ZE- 121 OG.

Attributing the cause of the accident to "tyre burst, speed and fatigue which led to loss of control", Okpe said the driver of the Mazda bus fell asleep on the wheel and ran into the moving truck, resulting in the accident.

The public relations officer of the Ogun

State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement (TRACE), Babatunde Akinbiyi, who confirmed the second accident at Ogere Remo, said the crash involved a "one way" commercial motorcycle popularly called "Okada" with registration number: GGM 012 VV, which collided with a BMW JEEP marked: KSF 512 FW that was in a high speed at the expressway.

The duo of Okpe and Akinbiyi, however, said the corpses of the victims had been deposited at the morgue of one of private hospitals in Ogere Remo, where the 14 injured victims were also admitted for treatment of their injuries.