

Seven killed on Lagos/Ibadan road

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IT was a gory scene yesterday on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. Bodies littered the roadside. So were luggage and mangled chassis of a hitherto attractive luxury bus and an 18-seater Toyota Hiace bus which lay on the spot. Few survivors among the passengers also lay there helpless.

It was the scene of a multiple accident at Ajebo on the Ibadan end of the Lagos-Ibadan expressway on Saturday morning.

The accident, which happened at about 3: 00 am, killed seven people while 12 others are admitted at Sagamu General Hospital.

As at 7: 30 am yesterday when our correspondent passed through the scene of the accident, some casualties were still being moved to the hospital by the police.

Eyewitnesses said the accident was caused by the luxury bus which attempted to overtake a trailer loaded with iron rods.

According to them, the bus was moving on top speed when it met the trailer suddenly. The trailer was, however, moving at a very low speed.

As it tried to overtake, it suddenly realised that another big lorry, a Mercedes Benz 911, was moving on top speed on its left. In an attempt to avoid the lorry, it rammed into the trailer.

The iron rods pierced into the bodies of the driver and passengers sitting in front of the bus.