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No fewer than 13 persons died yesterday in a road accident in Kwara State.

The accident involved an 18-seater Nissan bus and a petrol tanker.

The crash occurred on Oloru-Oko-Olowo end of the Ilorin-Bode-Saadu-Jebba Road.

According to an eye witness, the accident occurred when the Nissan bus rammed into an oncoming tanker after having overtaken another car at Shao-oko-olowo junction.

The bus driver was said to have lost control of the vehicle in the process.

Thirteen persons died on the spot.

Six other persons were seriously injured.

The Zonal Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Augustine Aipoh, who confirmed the incident in Ilorin, the state capital, said bodies of the deceased had been deposited at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH).

He said the six injured persons had been taken to the hospital for treatment.

Aipoh gave particulars of the two vehicles as a DAF tanker marked XA 464 GGW and Nissan bus AQ 87 SKK.

He warned motorist against over speeding and dangerous overtaking.

Aipoh said that the police had taken inventory and custody of the property of the deceased.

The state police command has arrested four persons for allegedly attacking FRSC office in Ilorin.

Seven officers of the commission were said to have been injured in the process.

Police spokesman Ezekiel Dabo said the hoodlums, believed to be aggrieved members of road transport union, attacked the FRSC office last weekend.

 $The \ hoodlums \ smashed \ windscreens \ of \ two \ patrol \ vehicles \ cars \ parked \ in \ the \ office \ during \ the \ attack.$



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