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Fifteen persons died yesterday in an accident on the Magongo-Okene Road in Kogi State.

This is coming less than 24 hours after four persons died in an accident at Ogaminana in Adavi Local Government Area.

Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Commission, Godwin Omiko, said the accident occurred about 10.15pm at a spot close to the boundary between Kogi and Edo states.

He said the victims were mostly public health officers of the Local Government Service Commission in Kaduna State.

Omiko said the victims were 400-Level students travelling to Cotonou, Republic of Benin, to write their first semester examination at Houdegbe North American University.

A young girl travelling with her mother also died.

He said a bus rammed into an oncoming passenger bus, which also hit another vehicle in front of it.

The sector commander said the passenger bus caught fire on impact, burning 14 of the passengers beyond recognition.

Omiko said three victims, including the girl, were rescued alive by his officials, but the child later died in the hospital.

According to him, the victims included eight men and six women.

The Sector commander said 12 of the victims were given mass burial at the public cemetery at Magongo, in the presence of policemen from Ogori Police Division.

The bodies of the girl and two men were still lying at the morgue of the General Hospital, Obangede.

He said the bus driver, Idris Abdulahi, was arrested and put in police custody.

"Preliminary investigation showed that the driver was drunk and drove recklessly."

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