

Five killed, 12 injured in Ogun auto crash

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The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in Ota, Ogun, said five persons had died and 12 others sustained injuries in two separate accidents at the Toll-Gate, Sango-Ota, on Wednesday.

The Unit Commander of the FRSC in the area, Mr Leye Adegboyega, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Ota that the first accident occurred at about 12.10 a.m., while the second one happened at about 6.40 a.m.

Adegboyega attributed the two crashes that occurred on the same spot to "carelessness" on the part of the drivers of the trucks involved in the accidents.

He said that the brake of a Larfarge trailer that was heading to Lagos from Abeokuta failed and rammed into eight vehicles which resulted in the death of five persons while four persons sustained various degrees of injury in the first accident.

"All efforts by the FRSC officials to get the registration number of the Larfarge truck proved abortive because the truck fell into a ditch.

"The drivers and the motor boys that were involved in the two accidents also absconded because of the weight of the offences they committed," he said.

Adegboyega said the second accident which involved a truck with registration number KRD-215 XB loaded with gravels, was also heading toward Lagos when it lost control due to brake failure and crashed into eight other vehicles.

He said the total number of people involved in the two accidents was 17, while five died and four sustained various injuries in the first accident.

He said eight persons sustained minor injuries in the second accident.

"The five corpses had been deposited at the State Hospital, Sango-Ota, while the other four injured in the first accident are receiving treatment at the same hospital," the unit commander said.

He appealed to the Federal Government to construct speed breakers along the toll gate and its environs to check speeding and reduce road crashes in the area.

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