

17 die in Osun, Lagos accidents

• FRSC arrests 3298 trucks in Lagos

SIXTEEN commuters have died in two crashes in Osun State.

The first accident happened on Ijesa-Akure Road on Saturday, claiming 14 lives, while two persons died in the second crash on Gbongan-Osogbo Expressway yesterday.

One person died while two were injured in a crash on Otedola Bridge, Lagos yesterday.

In the Saturday incident in Osun, a Sienna vehicle collided head-on with a truck, causing a gridlock.

Road Safety officials were on the scene to evacuate the remains of the passengers and to clear the gridlock, a witness said.

Spokesperson of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Agnes Ogungbemi confirmed the incident.

The second Osun crash happened about 12:40pm in the Niger Cat area, after Babalakin Hall.

A Toyota Previa minibus suddenly lost control due to speeding, resulting in the death of two passengers, it was said.



• Scene of the Lagos crash

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One Lawal was said to have died in the Lagos accident, which involved three vehicles on Otedola Bridge.

Two persons were injured.

The accident occurred less than 24 hours after rescuers responded to multiple accidents involving three articulated vehicles around Mary-

land on Ikorodu Road.

It took the combined efforts of rescuers from FRSC, Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) and the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) to evacuate affected vehicles from the bridge and clear traffic build-up.

Although the cause of the accident was not stated, the FRSC said the truck driver fled

the scene before the arrival of emergency workers.

Lagos Sector Commander, FRSC, Olusegun Ogungbemi confirmed that 3298 articulated vehicles were impounded for various offences this year.

"He reiterated that there is no backing down on battle against vehicles without minimum safety standard on Lagos roads.