

12 die in Ogun, Bauchi accidents

TWELVE persons have died in road crashes in Ogun and Bauchi states.

Four persons died and eight injured in the Ogun area of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway yesterday, while eight persons died in the Bauchi incident, which happened on Saturday in Goltukurwa village on Dass-Bauchi Road.

The Ogun crash involved a Mazda bus and a truck at Lufwape.

Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ogun, Ahmed Umar, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Abeokuta, saying that it was caused by the truck driver, who was speeding and driving dangerously.

He stated that 20 people were involved in the accident, comprising 12 male and eight female passengers, adding that eight men and six women sustained injuries while two men and two female passengers died in the accident.

"The truck driver drove dangerously, forcing the Mazda bus driver to lose control

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and crashed on the highway. Unfortunately the truck driver escaped," he said.

Bauchi Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Yusuf Abdullahi, confirmed the Dass-Bauchi Road crash yesterday in a statement.

Abdullahi said an Opel Vectra car and a tipper truck were involved in the incident.

The Sector Commander, who said that it took personnel of the Corps about seven minutes to arrive at the scene to clear the site, attributed the accident to overloading, speed violation and head-on-collision.

He said nine persons were involved in the crash, comprising two males, six females and a male child.

Abdullahi, however, revealed that all the eight passengers in the Opel Vectra car which ran into the tipper, died while only the driver was unhurt.