

## 2 21 die, five injured in Lagos, Cross River accident

**S**IXTEEN persons were in the wee hours of yesterday burnt to death and five others critically injured after two vehicles collided in Lagos.

The accident which occurred around 3am at Alaro City inward Epe, involved a passenger bus carrying 23 men and a tipper conveying sand.

Two people, *The Nation* gathered, escaped unhurt in the crash, which was said to have been caused by impaired visibility due to reckless driving.

The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the police confirmed that 16 bodies were recovered from the scene and five

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critically injured people rushed to the hospital.

But the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) put the death toll at five and did not mention whether there were injured persons.

A statement by the FRSC's Lagos Public Education Officer (PEOA), Olabisi Sonusi, said the five injured victims were taken to hospital.

In a statement released Tuesday afternoon, LASEMA's Permanent Secretary, Dr. Femi Oke-

Osanyintolu said five adult males were confirmed dead on impact, adding that their bodies were handed over to their families for burial.

Police spokesman, SP Benjamin Hundeyin said operatives recorded 16 deaths with five critically injured.

3 Also yesterday, five persons died in Cross River State following an accident involving a truck loaded with cement and a commercial vehicle.

The crash took place in Biase council area of the state.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Cross River confirmed the incident.