

# Three policemen, 11 others die in Niger, Ogun crashes

**F**OURTEEN persons died yesterday in road accidents in Niger and Ogun states.

Three of the dead were policemen who died alongside four others in an accident at Gunu village on Minna-Gwada Road in Niger State.

The crash involved a Toyota Camry coming from Gwada and a commercial bus coming from Minna.

The deceased were all male while five people were injured.

Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Sector Commander, Mr. Kumar Tsukwam confirmed the incident, attributing it to speeding and loss of control.

He said that the injured victims were taken to the nearest hospital while the deceased were deposited at the Minna General Hospital mortuary.

## •Seven charred as vehicle catches fire

From Justina Asishana, Minna, Ernest Nwokolo, Abeokuta and Tajudeen Adebajo, Lagos

3 Seven persons were burnt beyond recognition when a Mazda bus conveying them went up in flames a few metres away from Odogbolu Junction on the Sagamu-Benin Expressway.

The dead persons were a 38-year-old nursing mother, Basirat Adebajo and her two-year-old daughter, Abidat; Kafilah Akindele; Azeezah AbdulMajeed; Halimah Lawal; Shakirah Zakariyya and one Iya Al-Ameen.

Others had varying degrees of burns but survived.

The passengers were reportedly going for a four-day training programme tagged Al-

Mu'minaat Training Forum (ATF) at Vanguard Academy, Odosengolu near Ijebu-ode, Ogun State.

The annual training programme was organised by the Al-Mu'minaat (The Believing Women) Organisation.

The bus marked AGL 886 YD suddenly exploded into flames from the engine side, setting off chaos in the bus as the agonising passengers laboured to escape.

Spokesman of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the accident, saying that seven females had burns while seven other females were burnt beyond recognition.

"The lone fatal crash was com-

ing from the Kosofe area of Lagos when its engine suddenly caught fire due to engine overflow."

The National Amirah (President) of Al-Mu'minaat, Alhaja Nimatallah AbdulQadri described the incident as shocking and sad.



•The late Mrs Adebajo