

10 die in Imo, Oyo auto crashes

No fewer than 10 persons have been confirmed dead in auto crashes on Aba-Owerri road and Ibadan/Oyo expressway areas of Imo and Oyo states respectively.

Six people died in the Aba-Owerri road crash while the Ibadan/Oyo expressway accident claimed four lives.

It was gathered that the Aba-Owerri road accident occurred after a SUV jeep carrying six persons somersaulted many times at Olakwa Bridge in Ngor Okpalla Local Government Area of Imo State on Friday June 16.

Village sources blamed the accident on over speeding.

The driver and the occupants were said

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to be travelling to Aba when they lost control and somersaulted and rested in the river.

"The car conveying all passengers was travelling toward Aba when the accident occurred," the source said.

It was gathered that the corpses have been deposited at the mortuary near the area.

The Imo State Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Public Relations Officer, Nkem Ibeziem said she was yet to confirm the number of persons involved in the accident.

Four people on Saturday were confirmed

dead, while many were injured when a white 18-seater Hummer Toyota bus with the registration number, JJJ 941 XA (Lagos) somersaulted along Ibadan/Oyo expressway.

The accident, according to Atiba Unit Commander of Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC), DCC Bayode Olugbesan was caused by overs peeding and overloading.

The FRSC boss said twenty people were involved in the accident but only four were confirmed dead by doctors after taking them to State Hospital, Oyo.

"All the victims are male and their destination is North, the cause of the crash was overs peeding and overloading, the bus was supposed to carry 14 passengers but was loaded with 20 passengers."