



Nine die, 21 injured in Ogun, Plateau road crashes

NINE people were killed yesterday and 21 others injured in road crashes at the Ogun end of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway and in Plateau State.

① Five of the victims died when a Mazda Bus with registration number SMK685YG collided with a truck marked ZE121OG on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway around 1:07pm.

② The other four lost their lives at Zakalio community in Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State when two trailers collided with passenger vehicles.

The Public Education Officer, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ogun, Mrs Florence Okpe, confirmed the incident,

From Kolade Adeyemi, Jos

adding that it occurred a few metres after Foursquare.

According to Okpe, the accident was caused by the driver of the Mazda bus who lost control of the wheels while sleeping.

"A total of 18 people, comprising 10 men and eight women, were involved in the accident. Twelve people were injured and unfortunately five persons were also recovered dead from the crash.

"The suspected cause of the fatal crash was fatigue which led to loss of control because the driver slept off on the wheels and rammed into a moving truck," she said.

The FRSC spokesperson said

that the injured victims were taken to Victory Hospital at Ogere while the deceased were deposited at the FOS Morgue in Ipara.

The Jos accident, witnesses said, was caused by the trucks laden with flour and salt.

They said the trucks were heading towards Bauchi State when they lost control at a sharp bend along Jos-Bauchi road, which led to their falling and then colli **BORNO** State Governor Prof Babagana Zulum has doled out cash and food items to 810 volunteers fighting Boko Haram alongside the military and other security agencies in Bama Local Government Area of the state.