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17 killed in another Lagos-Ibadan road auto crash

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NO fewer than 17 people died in an auto accident that occurred at Ogunmakin area of Ogun State on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway on Thursday.

An 18-seater bus belonging to the Ogudu branch of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Lagos State, a truck with registration number YOBE XA830 NGU and a petrol tanker were involved in the accident.

Speaking with the Nigerian Tribune on the accident, the leader of the rescue team of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Lawal Nasiru Adeniran, said 17 out of the 18 passengers in the Toyota Hiace bus died instantly.

He added that the only survivor in the vehicle was suspected to have sustained spinal cord injury and had been taken to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH) in Sagamu.

Mr. Lawal disclosed that the remains of those who died in the accident had been deposited at the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan mortuary.

He added that other passengers in the petrol tanker and truck also sustained varying degrees of injuries and had been taken to various hospitals in Sagamu and Ibadan.

When the Nigerian Tribune visited the scene of the accident, wreckage of the vehicles and belongings of the victims were seen at the scene, while the FRSC officers were also seen controlling traffic that had built up as a result of the accident.

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