

40 killed in multiple auto crash

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FORTY people were killed yesterday in a multiple road accident involving three commercial buses, four cars and a petrol tanker at Ayetoro village on Ibadan-Lagos expressway.

Some of the charred bodies burnt beyond recognition have been recovered from the wreckage, while many people from Ibadan, Abeokuta, and Lagos State have besieged the scene to identify relatives.

According to eye witnesses, the tanker, which was heading to Ibadan apparently lost control and fell on its side and caught fire.

The spilt petrol, the sources said quickly engulfed oncoming vehicles and burnt some occupants beyond identification, while some were rescued by the combination of Fire Service men,

FRSC and Police officers.

Over 13 burnt bodies that were recovered had been deposited at the Olabisi Onabanjo Teaching Hospital (OSUTH), Sagamu mortuary.

Men of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), the Police and Ogun State Fire Service were at the scene, trying to put out the fire and to recover the remaining bodies trapped in the vehicles.

The Public Education Officer (PEO) of the FRSC, Mr. Oluwasola Oluwole told *New Nigerian* that they had secured a crane to remove the wreckage from the road to pave way for a free flow of traffic.

He said motorists had resorted to alternative routes using Sagamu/Ikorodu, Abeokuta Old Lagos road and Mowe/Owode road as one side of the express road about few metres

to the Redeemed Christian Church had been blocked as a result of the accident.

Oluwole advised Nigerians to avoid night journeys, saying

that some drivers with bad sights who could not see well in the afternoon still drove in at night, killing thousand of Nigerians in the process.

Water board: Kaduna awards \$54m contract for accurate customer register

KADUNA Water Board has awarded a \$54m contract to a joint venture of Consultancy in Africa Services Limited, with Genesys Inter-

national Market Surveys and Planning, to carry out a study to improve efficiency in customer service by the water board.

According to a statement, the Permanent Secretary, Kaduna State Ministry of Water Resources, Mr. J. J. J. signed the contract on behalf of the state government, urged