



NO fewer than 10 persons are believed to have met their death in a ghastly motor accident which occurred at Berger area of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on Friday morning.

The accident was caused by a collision between a moving truck and a faulty truck, which was parked on the expressway, while many other vehicles also got involved in what turned out to be a multiple road accident.

The affected vehicles included a Mack truck with registration number EDG 623 XK, a Volvo truck with registration number FST 841 XF and a Nissan canister with the registration number FKJ 279 XB, whose occupants were the major casualties of the accident.

According to information gathered by Saturday Tribune, the victims, who were said to be labourers, had set out very early in the morning with a view to arriving on time at an undisclosed site where they were expected to work. They were said to have with them a cement mixer which served as one of the major tools used in their occupation.

But their truck was said to have had a head-on collision with a stationary truck parked along the road, where about 10 of them died and others wounded.

One of the labourers, who could be identified simply as Kolawole K.B., revealed that but by an act of providence, he would have died alongside his colleagues that met their end, as he had to jump out of the truck.

The situation led to a massive gridlock on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway where motorists were trapped for hours, but security agencies, including the officers of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and Nigeria Police, among others, had stormed the area with a view to salvaging the situation.

The Lagos State commandant of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Chidi Nkwonta, confirmed the deaths to Saturday Tribune and blamed the incident on the refusal of one of the drivers of the affected vehicles to park properly as well as reckless driving and speeding by another driver.

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