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## 12 die, properties destroyed in Lagos road, fire accidents

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NINE persons, including children, died at the weekend, in multiple accidents involving two Mazda buses and a tanker along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

Two other persons died in a crash on the Lagos-Badagry Expressway, just as fire razed houses in Epe and other communities of Lagos State.

This is just as the Federal

Roads Safety Corps (FRSC) has said that no fewer than 3,000 persons have lost their lives to road crashes nationwide between January and June, 2014.

In one of the accidents, which occurred at KM 84, Catholic Turning, Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, at 9:45 a.m., on Saturday, two Mazda buses and a tanker were involved, with the driver of the articulated truck, a Volvo trailer with registration number KTU 451 XJ, who was accused of causing the crash which killed nine persons, including a child, absconding from the scene of the accident before he was apprehended by an FRSC Patrol team from RS2.23, Mowe/Ibafo.

His truck was reportedly impounded, as the FRSC promised to prosecute him accordingly.

The second accident, which occurred along the Lagos-Badagry Expressway and claimed two lives, leaving three injured, involved a white Lexus SUV, a green Mitsubishi Charisma and another Mazda, with the victims taken to the Badagry General Hospital.

The Corps Marshal and Chief Executive of FRSC, Mr. Boboye Oyeyemi, in Abuja, has vowed to bring down the figures of casualties in road accidents through intensive enforcement.

Speaking at the Public Service Institute, Kubwa, during one-day conference for Unit Commanders, Oyeyemi who talked tough to the Unit Commanders on the high rate of carnages, warned that it will no longer be business as usual.

Meanwhile, it was a tragic weekend in many parts of Lagos State as fire incidents ravaged Epe; Okokomaiko; Agbado; Ikotun; Ikoyi and Onikan areas, killing a baby boy and destroying millions of naira worth of property.

Sunday Tribune gathered that 12 houses, three shops and four vehicles including a petrol tanker, were late on Friday evening, completely burnt in a fire incident that occurred in Epe town and more than 100 families displaced.

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