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EIGHT people, including two children, died while six others were injured on Sunday in an auto crash which occurred in front of the yard of Reynolds Construction Company (RCC) at Onigaari axis of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway at about 7:00p.m.

Commuters along the road were reportedly restricted to one side of the expressway as a result of the ongoing construction work.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the accident occurred when a Lagos-bound 14-seater Mitsubishi bus with registration number MUS 77 XK attempted to overtake another vehicle. In the process, the bus driver reportedly faced an on-coming trailer with registration number BDG 186 XM which was conveying large PVC pipes, and in an attempt to avoid a head-on collision, he hit one of the trailer's tyres, resulting in the vehicle getting shattered.

The accident was said to have caused a gridlock along the expressway, as officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) made efforts to evacuate the injured to a nearby hospital.

Speaking with the Nigerian Tribune, the Oyo State Sector Commander, Mr Salami Yusuff, who stumbled on the happening while plying the road, said the eight victims who suffered fatalities included an elderly woman, five men and two children, while the injured were all males. Mr Yusuff stated that the remains of the dead were conveyed to the mortuary at the State Hospital, Yemetu-Adeoyo, in Ibadan while the

injured ones were taken to Ife-Oluwa Hospital, Ogunmakin community, for medical attention.

Mr Yusuff attributed the road traffic accident to excessive speeding and dangerous overtaking, urging road users to always obey traffic rules to preserve lives on the road.

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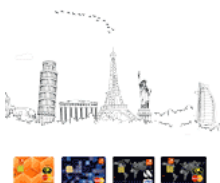
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