

The suspect

11 die, 10 injured in auto crash on Akure-Ilesa highway

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ELEVEN passengers in a Lagos-bound commercial bus lost their lives while 10 others sustained varying degrees of injuries in a fatal road traffic accident which occurred at Ilesa axis of Akure-Ife highway in the early hours of Sunday.

Metro learnt that the accident involved a **Hiace** bus with registration number DKA 194YN, a **Howo** truck with registration number XNN 38 YE belonging to Dangote Group of Companies and a **Mercedes Benz** truck with registration number APP 443 XS driven by one Abdulahi Olaide.

According to the Sector Commander of Osun State command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr Anthony Oko, the driver of the **Mercedes Benz** truck left his side of the road and was driving against traffic when the incident occurred at about 2:00a.m.

In his explanation to **Metro** when contacted, Mr Oko said that the truck was coming from Ibadan

while Hiace passenger bus was coming from Zamfara State and was on its way to Lagos.

"Though the side of road on which the Mercedes truck driver was supposed to drive was free, he decided to drive against traf-

fic. It was in the process of trying to avoid a head-on collision with him that the bus driver swerved and rammed into the stationary **Howo** truck which broke down and was being repaired," the Sector Commander stated.

"Two locally-made pis- plans to relocate all ju-

He further disclosed that the 10 injured persons were taken to Wesley Memorial Hospital, Ilesa while the remains of the dead passengers were deposited in the morgue of the same hospital.

Confirming the incident,

the Commissioner of Police, Osun State, Mr Fimihan Adeoye, said that the driver of the truck had been arrested while the truck and the wreckage of the bus had been taken into custody at 'B' Division, Ilesa.

Ambode deposes Baale of Shangisha, orders his prosecution

LAGOS State governor, Mr Akinwunmi Ambode, on Sunday, deposed the suspended Baale of Shangisha in Magodo, Chief Yusuf Ogundare, for faking his abduction which allegedly took place on July 5 along Centre for Management Development (CMD) Road in Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA) of the State.

Governor Ambode had, on Thursday suspended Ogundare moments after he was paraded alongside his brother, Mohammed Adams, by the Lagos State Police Command for conspiring to fake the alleged kidnapping.

In a press release signed by the state's Commis-

sioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Mr Muslim Folami, the governor ordered Ogundare to henceforth desist from parading himself as the Baale of Shangisha or discharge any duties attached to chieftaincy matters in the state.

Folami, in the statement, said: "This is to inform the general public that Governor Akinwunmi Ambode has authorised the deposition and prosecution by police of Chief Yusuf Mutiu Ogundare, Baale of Shangisha, with immediate effect.

"This is in accordance with Section 38, subsection 1 of the Obas and

Chiefs Laws of Lagos State inter-alia "The governor may suspend or depose any oba or chief whether appointed before or after commencement of this law if he is satisfied that such suspension or deposition is required according to customary law or is necessary in the interest of peace or good government."

"Furthermore, he (Ogundare) is to stop parading himself, purports to exercise or discharge any of the duties attached to chieftaincy matters with immediate effect."

Folami said the deposition followed the formal confession of the Baale to security services that he staged his own kidnap to

blackmail the state government.

The state's Commissioner of Police, Mr Fatai Owoseni, while parading the suspects at the Lagos House in Ikeja, had narrated how they conspired to perfect the fake kidnap, all in a bid to implicate the Oba of Magodo as well as rubbish the state government and security agencies.

Owoseni said six days after the incident, some men of the Rapid Response Squad (RRS) on patrol in Alausa area at about 10:00 p.m apprehended Ogundare after he was dropped in a suspicious manner by a car which sped off immediately.