

# 4 die in multiple accidents due to early morning fog in Ibadan

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**E**ARLY morning fog that reappeared on Monday morning caused multiple accidents and claimed lives of four people while another six persons were injured in a crash involving seven vehicles on Oyo-Ibadan highway in Ibadan, Oyo State.

The accidents, according to Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) sources, occurred at Aba-Odo junction at about 6:30 a.m.

*Nigerian Tribune* gathered that the accident involved four trucks, a bus, a commercial cab and a private car.

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A combined team of the FRSC officials, led by the Sector Commander in the state, Mrs Cecilia Alao, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and men of Nigeria Police Force, carried out rescue operation at the scene of the accident.

Those who lost their lives were said to have been taken to the morgue of the State Hospital, Adeoyo, Ibadan, while those who sustained various degrees of injury were receiving treatment at St. Patrick Hospital, Ibadan.

The Sector Commander disclosed that the information made available to her

showed that the accident was caused by heavy fog and overspeeding, saying: "From what we heard, it was due to the fog in the morning. There was heavy fog in the morning and one of the vehicles in front had an issue.

"The ones coming from behind did not know. They didn't see the front and we can't leave out the fact that some of them were on top speed. They were speeding, so they couldn't apply their brakes on time.

"Seven vehicles were in-

involved; comprising four trailers, one bus and two small cars. Six people were injured and they were taken to the hospital while four people died; three males and one female."

An eyewitness, Mr Seye Ayoade, who spoke with journalists, informed that: "I was at Aba-Odo Bus Stop at the time the incident occurred. I was going to a site for installation of sliding windows because that is my job. One Hyundai was coming from from Oyo, going to

Ibadan.

"The car was speeding but when it got to Aba-Odo junction, it slowed down probably because of the heavy fog. The driver of a Micra cab, which was behind the car, brushed the car that suddenly slowed down. But the driver of a truck, which was also on top speed, I think, could not see the front very well, and rammed into the cars. In the process, the Micra cab was also affected.

"The truck dragged the

cab for about 200 m before it fell down. Only driver of the Micra cab survive; all the other passengers, including an officer of NSCDC, were crushed. Other trailers also rammed into the vehicles."

It was further gathered that the driver of a truck with Registration Number JIGAWA GML 85XX, along with his motorist, The truck had its head crumpled from its body and mangled beyond repair, as was the cab.



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