

16 dead in Osun auto crashes

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ABOUT 14 people on Saturday evening lost their lives in a ghastly auto accident which occurred at Ipetu Ijesa, in Oriade Local Government Area of Osun State, while two other persons died on the Gbon-gan-Osogbo road in Aye-daade Local Government Area on Sunday.

The Public Education Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Osun State sector command, Mrs Agnes Ogungbemi, who made this known in a statement in Osogbo on Sunday, said "the accident, which was caused by wrongful overtaking, involved a gold-coloured Sienna bus with registration number KRD 842 GY and an ash-coloured Howo Sino truck with registration number

BAU 171 ZE."

She added that, "the remains of victims of the accident, which include two female and four male children, four male and four female adults have been deposited at the Wesley Guild Hospital morgue in Ilesha."

The accident on Sunday, which occurred at about 12:40 p.m., claimed the lives of female and male adults.

It was gathered from

some passengers who survived the accident that the tyre of the vehicle burst in motion and the driver lost control.

Also speaking on the incident, Ogungbemi said three of the injured victims were taken by sympathisers to Ise-oluwa Hospital in Ode-Omu before the arrival of the FRSC team, while two other injured victims were taken to Ariremako Hospital in Gbon-gan by the FRSC team.

She added that the bodies of the deceased were deposited at the OAUTH morgue in Ile-Ife.

She said the accident involved a wine Toyota Previa minibus at Niger Cat area.

The FRSC spokesperson further revealed that another accident which involved two vehicles also occurred at Eleweran, on the Ife-Osogbo road at 2:09 p.m.

She said the accident involved a truck with regis-

tration number KNT 245 XP, and a Mercedes Benz salon car with registration number, BM 307 AKD, just as she added that nobody died in the accident, while the two injured persons had been taken to the OAUTHC, Ile-Ife for medical attention.

She also charged motorists to be more safety-conscious during this festive period when vehicular traffic will increase on the highways.

Police arrest 202 suspected