

13 killed in 2 road accidents in Kwara

One dead in Lagos-Ibadan highway auto crash

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NO fewer than 13 people died in two separate accidents on Thursday on the Oloru-Bode Saadu Road, on the outskirts of Ilorin, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has said.

The FRSC sector commander in Kwara, Jonathan Owoade, confirmed the casualty figure to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** at the scene of the crashes in

Bode Saadu.

He said that the accidents occurred as a result of drivers' loss of concentration, over-speeding, and tyre blowout.

"Two different road traffic crashes occurred this morning (Thursday) at the Jebba-Oloru axis. One was due to over-speeding and boredom, in which a bus rammed a stationary truck, while the second was as a result of tyre burst," he said.

According to him, the first

accident involving a bus and a truck occurred at about 4.00 a.m. at Aiyekale community.

"Out of 19 passengers, 11 persons died on the spot, one died in the hospital, while seven sustained different degrees of injuries," he said.

Owoade said that the second accident, which was as a result of tyre blow-out happened at Lakanla bridge, and "eight persons were involved, one person died and another injured."

He said that the bodies of those who died had been deposited at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital morgue, while those who sustained injuries were receiving treatment.

The sector commander cautioned motorists against night journeys and reckless driving in the interest of their lives and that of the passengers.

In a related development, one person was confirmed dead, while two others sustained various

degrees of injury in an accident involving an Iveco truck and a Ford bus near Isara Bridge on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

The spokesperson of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Mr Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Abeokuta, on Thursday.

Akinbiyi said that the accident occurred at about 1:30 p.m. and was caused by loss of control on the

part of the driver of the bus. He said that the bus rammed the stationary truck.

Akinbiyi said that five male adults were involved in the accident, two of whom were in the truck, and three in the bus.

The TRACE spokesperson said those injured had been taken to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH), Sagamu, while the body of the deceased was deposited at the hospital mortuary.

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