

in several vehicles were burnt following the explosion, while many people were trapped in the fire.

Agunbiade said: "Many people were burnt to death, while several others sustained injuries. I don't know the number of those who were affected."

Also, the state's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mrs Yemisi Opalola, confirmed the development to journalists.

However, the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Federal Fire Service, Basirat Adijat, told the **Nigerian Tribune** that nine persons died in the accident.

Meanwhile, eight others lost their lives in auto accidents in Ogun, Lagos and Delta states.

2 In Ogun, four persons died in the early hours of Monday around Saapade Bridge, along the Lagos-Ibadan ex-

pressway.

The accident involved a Mazda bus and a DAF truck at about 2.50 a.m, and it occurred as a result of dangerous driving and route violation.

This incident was confirmed to the **Nigerian Tribune** by the sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ogun State, Mr Ahmed Umar.

The FRSC boss said the truck driver drove against traffic and had a head-on collision with the Mazda bus.

Umar stated that five male adults and a female adult were involved in the accident, while four persons, comprising three male adults and one female adult, died.

He said: "The accident involved a DAF truck marked AGL 813 XX and a Mazda bus with registration number FDY 265 XA."

Umar explained that the

bodies of the deceased had been deposited at FOS mortuary in Ipara.

The sector commander described the crash as avoidable, adding that where the crash occurred was an accident-prone area that required utmost care while driving within the axis.

2 In Lagos, two persons have been confirmed dead while many sustained injuries in a lone accident on the Third Mainland Bridge while driving inward Iyana-Oworo in Lagos State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered 4 that the accident occurred at 6.55 a.m on Monday.

The Head, Public Affairs of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), Nosa Okunbor, in a statement, said the incident was as a result of combusted rear tyres while on motion, based on an eyewitness account.