

SCENE OF THE ROAD CRASH ON TUESDAY. PHOTO: YOMI AYELESO

Seven dead, others injured in Ekiti road crash

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SEVEN persons on Tuesday lost their lives with others critically injured in a road accident involving two buses on the Aisegba-Ilumoba Ekiti road in Gbonyin Local Government Area of Ekiti.

The accident, according to eyewitnesses, involved a luxury bus with registration number BDG 47 WT, coming from Kano and heading for Lagos, and a bus with registration number ABC 82 XH going from Lagos to Abuja.

It was gathered that the two buses had a head-on collision which resulted in the death of the seven persons, while others sustained life-threatening injuries.

The injured were said to have been rushed to the Ekiti University Teaching Hospital in Ado-Ekiti for treatment, while the remains of the deceased were deposited in the hospital's morgue.

Confirming the accident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, ASP Sunday Abutu, said the

Commissioner of Police, Tunde Mobayo, and the state's deputy governor, Bisi Egbeyemi, visited the scene of the accident and also the injured in the hospital.

He said: "It should be noted that at about 6:00 a.m., today [Tuesday, June 22], a luxurious bus with registration number BDG 47 WT and one Hummer bus with registration number ABC 82 XH had a head-on collision on Ilumoba/Aisegba road, which led to the death of seven persons, including the driver, who

were inside the Hummer bus, while several others inside the luxury bus sustained different degrees of injury.

"A team of traffic personnel from Ode Divisional Police Headquarters, led by the DPO and some personnel of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) immediately mobilised to the scene, rescued the injured survivors to Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital, Ado-Ekiti and evacuated the seven confirmed dead bodies to the mortuary."