

Five die in Lagos-Ibadan expressway tanker explosion

Another three killed in bus accident

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IT was a black Wednesday as eight persons lost their lives in a tanker explosion and bus accident on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that a tanker laden with Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) spilt its content following a head-on collision

with a truck, before it exploded around Kwakyama area in Ogere axis.

Five persons lost their lives in the explosion, while another three persons died when a commercial bus caught fire around Sand Crete in Ogunmakin axis on the same expressway at about 2:52 p.m.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ogun State

confirmed that "the commercial bus coming from Ibadan went up in flames when it swayed off to the other lane and collided with a Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) coming from Lagos."

Spokesperson for the FRSC, Florence Okpe, said 17 people were involved in the accident, with 14 people injured (seven male adults and seven female

adults).

"Three deaths were recorded from the crash, with one of them burnt beyond recognition."

Okpe said five vehicles were equally burnt to ashes in the tanker explosion.

She added that the tanker collided with a truck travelling to Ibadan and caught fire immediately.