

FRSC official, five others die in Ondo, Kogi accidents

Hakeem Gbadamosi and Yekini Jimoh

AN official of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and five other people, on Thursday lost their lives in auto crashes that occurred in Okitipupa Local Government Area of Ondo and Lokoja Local Government Area, in Kogi State.

The FRSC official identified as Abdulkareem Jimoh was said to be attending to a suspected traffic offender when the incident happened before the military checkpoint on the inward Benin section of the expressway.

According to the Corridor Commander, Sagamu-Benin Corridor, Lasisi Ogundele, the deceased FRSC official was crushed to death when the driver of a Toyota Hiace Bus with registration number, NEM-618AA lost control of the vehicle.

He said the driver of the vehicle also hit the suspected traffic offender being attended to by the road safety official, saying the two victims died on their way to the hospital, saying the inci-

dent had been reported at the Police station at Araromi, just as the remains of the victims had been deposited at a morgue in Ore.

In a related development, four persons were burnt to death in a road accident that occurred between Ohono and Akpanya along Lokoja-Abuja road under Lokoja Local Government Area in Kogi State.

It was gathered that the accident happened on Thursday at about 7.00 am when an 18 seater bus lost control while returning from Lagos to Kano State. Three of the accident victims, according to residents in the small communities were uniformed men, while other passengers in the vehicles were rescued with burns on their bodies.

As at the time of filing this report, the 18 seater bus was still burning while officers of the Federal Road Safety Corps, (FRSC) were seen at the scene of the incident.

The Kogi State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Solomon Agure, confirmed the incident.