

Five killed in Ondo, Bauchi road accidents

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FOUR persons lost their lives in the early hours of Sunday, while 11 others were injured following a fatal road accident at Shasha market on the Akure Owo highway.

This is just as one person was killed in another accident that occurred at Darazo town, in Bauchi State.

In Ondo, the accident, which occurred at about 5:50a.m., involved a **Toyota Sienna** vehicle and a Hummer bus.

It was gathered that the four persons who died were passengers of the Sienna vehicle.

An eyewitness said the two vehicles had a head-on collision when one of the drivers tried to overtake at a wrong position.

The source said the driver of the **Toyota Sienna** vehicle attempted to overtake a trailer on the single-lane highway when he collided with the Hummer bus coming from Lagos.

He said three of the passengers died instantly, while one other died on his way to the hospital.

Confirming the accident, the Ondo State sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ezekiel SonAllah, however, said three persons lost their lives.

He said the accident was caused by wrongful overtaking and speed violation, just as he added that those injured had been taken to the General Hospital, Akure for treatment, while the bodies of the deceased were also deposited at the hospital's mortuary.

According to the sector commander, 15 people, comprising 12 males and three females were involved in the accident.

He said: "I wish to call on the general public to avoid travelling in the night because of the hazards associated with it."

In Bauchi, the crash occurred on Saturday, at about 5:07p.m.

According to the FRSC, the accident occurred at Gabarin village on the Darazo-Kari-Maiduguri highway, located 15 kilometres from the case of the FRSC Zebra 45 in Darazo town.

The accident involved two vehicles, a DAF trailer and a Bajaj motorcycle.