

# Seven dead, 15 injured in auto crash along Oyo-Ogbomoso expressway

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SEVEN passengers have lost their lives, while 15 others were critically injured in an auto crash that occurred along Oyo-Ogbomoso expressway on Sunday night.

The accident involved a 21-seater commercial bus and a Northern state-bound articulated vehicle.

Five passengers died on the spot while two other passengers died while receiving medical attention at Bowen University Teaching

Hospital, Ogbomoso.

Their remains have been deposited at Ladoke Akin-tola Teaching Hospital mortuary, Ogbomoso while the injured ones are receiving medical attention at the Bowen University Teaching Hospital, Ogbomoso.

Attributing the incident to reckless driving, a source stated that the bus driver was trying to overtake another bus at a sharp bend not minding vehicles coming at opposite direction.

The source stated, "The

accident occurred on Sunday evening. The driver of the bus was trying to overtake the trailer at that sharp corner and suddenly lost control and hit the trailer.

"All of a sudden, the bus veered off the road and somersaulted almost five times. Five people died immediately. Others were quickly rushed to the hospital by the road safety officials."

Confirming the incident, the Ogbomoso Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Isaac

Adebayo said, "The incident happened on Sunday evening around that 17:00 hours. Five died immediately. My people have gone there this morning.

"I just confirmed from him that another person died at the hospital, making it six all together.

"Also, this morning, my people have to go to another rescue on the Ilorin road. An Okada rider ran into a trailer again at Gbede, very close to Ote. He also died. That's the information I've gotten so far."