

16 killed, eight injured in Lagos dawn accident

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SIXTEEN people, including a female child, were early Sunday morning killed and eight others injured in an auto accident that

occurred around Buhari Estate, at Agemowo area on the Badagry expressway in Lagos.

The Lagos State sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Babatunde Farinloye, confirmed the accident to the *Nigerian Tribune*.

The FRSC boss blamed the accident on "over speeding by the drivers of the two affected vehicles following the early morning rainfall."

The accident created gridlock on the expressway as the affected vehicles blocked a

large part of the road.

It was gathered that the accident involved a fully-loaded commercial bus and a tipper truck.

An eyewitness around the scene said the two vehicles had a head-on collision.

A resident of Mowo, who simply identified himself as George, told the *Nigerian Tribune* that, "I arrived at the scene immediately the accident occurred. I heard they [vehicles] collided while on top speed."

Meanwhile, the nine persons who survived the injuries were taken to the hospital, while the bodies of the deceased were deposited at the Badagry General Hospital morgue.