

# Four killed, 11 injured in Lagos-Ibadan expressway accident

## Two dead, 48 injured in Niger lone crash

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FOUR persons were confirmed dead while 11 others sustained injuries in a lone accident involving a *Foton* bus at the Aiyetoro axis on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* has reported.

Spokesperson for the Ogun Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Mr Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Abeokuta on Sunday.

Akinbiyi explained that the accident occurred at about

9:59a.m and was caused by tyre burst, which led the commercial bus to somersault and fall into a ditch.

The TRACE spokesperson said the accident involved 15 people, which comprised three men and 12 women, just as he added that 11 women were injured while the three men and one woman died in the accident.

"According to eyewitness account, the bus was coming from Ibadan inbound Lagos when it had a tyre burst on the driver's side at Aiyetoro axis on the expressway, which made it to somersault into a ditch," he said.

Akinbiyi noted that the bodies of the deceased were deposited at Idera morgue in Sagamu, while the injured victims were taken to Famobis Hospital, Mowe.

He appealed to drivers to avoid excessive speed, tokunbo tyres and adhere to traffic rules and regulations.

In Niger State, the sector command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has confirmed that a road traffic crash involving an articulated trailer loaded with about 78 passengers and some livestock, which occurred on the Bida-Mokwa road at

about 9:00p.m last Thursday claimed two lives.

According to the FRSC sector commander in the state, Mr Kumar Tsukwan, the lone accident was caused by wrongful overtaking.

He said one of the victims died on Friday, while another died on Saturday.

Tsukwan said the corpses of the two dead persons were deposited at the mortuary section of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Bida.

It was gathered that the trailer, which was coming from Katsina, was heading to Ilorin, Kwara State, when the accident occurred at Bida.

## Woman pours hot water on husband's alleged affair

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POLICE in Ondo State have arrested a 39-year-old food vendor, Esther (surname withheld), for allegedly pouring hot water on a nursing mother, Endurance (surname withheld), who she accused of sleeping with her husband.

The suspect, who following rumour of Endurance's illicit affair with her husband, invited her to her shop at Olofin community in Idanre.

According to a source, the suspect called the victim on phone at about 10:00a.m. on the fateful day to come and collect the palm oil her husband, Sunday (surname withheld), was owing her.

The victim rushed to the shop with her baby and was sitting, while expecting the wife to hand over the palm oil to her, but to her surprise, the suspect, after taking the little baby from her, queried her relationship with her husband.

Endurance, however, said there was no intimate relationship between her and the man other than her working for him.

The suspect was said to have dashed inside the room only to emerge with a kettle of hot water and poured it on Endurance's body.

## Police rescue two kidnapped victims in FCT

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THE Federal Capital Territory (FCT) police command has disclosed that its operatives, in the early hours of Sunday, responded to a distress call, following the kidnap of two residents by gunmen, adding that after exchange of gunfire

between the police and the hoodlums, they abandoned the victims and fled into the bush.

Residents of Mpape community had informed newsmen earlier how gunmen, believed to be seven in number, invaded the area between 1:00a.m and 2:00a.m and abducted the

two residents.

A source said: "They [gunmen] were shooting sporadically, causing residents to wake up and start calling the police.

"After sometime, some of us came out to discover they had left with two residents towards a destination and the police went after them."

Confirming the incident, the FCT Police Public Relations Officer, Josephine Adeh, said police tracked the hoodlums to a corner where an exchange of gunfire ensued.

She said: "The victims have been rescued by the police and would soon be reunited with their loved ones."

Three killed, several wounded as street boys