

8 passengers die as articulated vehicle, bus collide in Kwara

EIGHT persons died in an auto crash involving an articulated vehicle and a bus at Oke-Onigbin on the Omu-Aran-Ilorin highway in Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, on Friday night.

Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Kwara State, Mr Stephen Dawulung, said in a statement issued by its spokesman, Mr Busari Basambo, on Saturday in Ilorin that the accident hap-

pened in the night.

"Preliminary investigations showed that the Ilorin-bound Mitsubishi bus was overtaking another bus when it had a head-on collision with the articulated vehicle.

"The collision resulted in the death of eight persons on the spot. There were one male adult, three female adults, and four children.

"Six other persons sustained injuries in the crash," he said.

Dawulung said the remains of the dead were deposited in a morgue while the injured were taken to another hospital for medical attention.

He added that the crash was due to excessive speeding, wrongful overtaking, and poor visibility.

He advised motorists to always avoid night journeys and over-speeding and to ensure they rested for 30 minutes after every four hours of driving.