

36 killed in Kwara, Kebbi auto crashes

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TWENTY-FIVE people lost their lives while 15 others sustained varying degrees of injury after an accident resulted in a fire in Bode Saadu in Moro Local Government Area of Kwara State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the fire incident occurred after a petrol tanker and a truck had a head-on collision, which then affected an 18-seater bus at about 3:18p.m. on Tuesday at Peke village, at Oko-Olowo, on the Bode Saadu expressway.

Head of Department (HOD), Media and Publicity of the Kwara State Fire Service, Ha-keem Adekunle, who confirmed the incident, said the petrol tanker, travelling from Niger State, was plying the wrong side of the road when it had a head-on collision with a truck coming from Lagos.

Adekunle said: "The collision resulted in a fire that rapidly consumed both vehicles and also affected the 18-seater bus, which was also coming from Lagos."

He explained that: "On November 28, at about 3:18p.m., the Kwara State

Fire Service responded to a fire incident at Peke village, on Oko-Olowo, Bode Saadu expressway.

"The incident involved a petrol tanker, a heavy-duty truck and an 18-seater bus.

"Investigations revealed that the petrol tanker, traveling from Niger State, was using the wrong side of the road, which resulted in a head-on collision with the truck from Lagos State.

"The collision ignited a fire that rapidly consumed both vehicles and also affected the 18-seater bus, also from Lagos."

(2) In another development, 11 people were confirmed dead on Tuesday evening, while 59 others were injured after a DAF trailer was involved in an accident on the Maiyama/Koko road in Kebbi State.

In a press statement made available to newsmen by the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Nafiu Abubakar, the trailer, driven by a yet-to-be identified person, was conveying bags of onions, beans and six motorcycles from Gronyo Local Government Area of Sokoto State to Minna, Niger State, when the accident occurred.