

Five die, 12 injured in Lagos-Ibadan expressway accident

FIVE persons were confirmed dead on Tuesday, while 12 others sustained injuries in an accident that occurred on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

According to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, the accident occurred at 1:07p.m, just few metres after

Foursquare and it involved a Mazda bus and a truck.

The Public Education Officer of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ogun State, Mrs Florence Okpe, on Tuesday confirmed the incident to newsmen in Abeokuta.

According to Okpe, the accident was caused by the driver of the Mazda bus who

lost control of the wheels while sleeping.

"A total of 18 people, comprising 10 men and eight women, were involved in the accident. Twelve people were injured and unfortunately, five persons were recorded dead from the crash.

"The suspected cause of the crash was fatigue, which

led to loss of control because the driver slept off on the wheels and rammed a moving truck," she said.

The FRSC spokesperson added that the injured victims were taken to Victory Hospital at Ogere, while the corpses were deposited at the FOS Morgue in Ipara, both in Ogun State.