

Road accident claims 19 in Oyo

Many injured as five cars, BRT bus collide in Lagos

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NINETEEN passengers, on Sunday, died in an accident that occurred at Kilometre 3, Sabo, Oyo-Ogbomoso expressway.

The accident involved a Sokoto bound white Toyota

Hiace 18 seater bus and black Toyota salon car.

The victims died on the spot while the only survivor is receiving treatment at Opabode Hospital in Oyo.

Confirming the incident to the *Nigerian Tribune*, the sector commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Joshua Adekanye, blamed the accident on disregard for the traf-

fic rule.

He said: "The incident involved a Sokoto-bound commercial bus and a Toyota Corolla salon car. It happened at 7:45a.m. at Kilometre 3, Sabo area, on the Oyo-Ogbomoso expressway.

"Out of the 20 passengers on board the two vehicles, 19 died on the spot, while the lone survivor is receiving

treatment at a neighbourhood hospital in Oyo.

"The corpses of the victims have been deposited at the General Hospital, Oyo.

"The drivers of the two vehicles were among the victims who died.

"The deceased driver of the Toyota bus was on a wrong lane to Oyo and collided with the Toyota Corolla car."

In Lagos, people were, on Sunday morning, injured in multiple auto accidents that occurred around Alapere axis on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

The accident involved a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) vehicle and five other vehicles.

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) confirmed the accident on Sunday.

LASTMA, in a statement on its X handle, formerly Twitter, said: "An auto crash involving six vehicles, including a BRT bus, has occurred at NNPC, inwards Estate Alapere on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway."

The agency, however, stated that, "No casualty was reported and the cause of the accident has not been revealed."