

15 killed in Lagos, Ibadan, Yobe accidents

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FIFTEEN people have been killed in separate accidents in Lagos, Ibadan and Yobe.

In Lagos, one secondary school student died, while her elder sister, who is 15 years old, suffered serious injury as a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) bus crushed them on Monday evening.

This is just as two students of Government College, Agege were also crushed to death by a driver, who was trying to escape from officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA).

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the BRT incident, while LASTMA's image maker also confirmed the Agege incident, but absolved

the agency of any complicity in the accident.

The affected schoolchildren were returning home after school hours when the incidents occurred.

On the Lagos/Ibadan expressway, a passenger in a commercial bus and a motor boy died on Sunday in a fatal head-on collision.

The accident occurred at Bare axis, near Guru Maharaj Camp.

It was gathered that the truck driver allegedly drove against traffic.

The incident reportedly occurred at about 8:00p.m.

The vehicles involved were a white Toyota Hiace bus and a black Bedford truck.

Two other passengers also suffered serious injuries in the accident.

Information gathered by the

Nigerian Tribune revealed that the truck driver had already offloaded the goods he brought to a Chinese company along the expressway and had come out of the premises to depart.

However, he drove against traffic and had a head-on collision with the bus which was coming from Osogbo, Osun State enroute Lagos State.

The Oyo FRSC Public Relations Officer, Chief Route Commander Mayowa Odewo, who confirmed the incident, said that the deceased were taken to the mortuary at State Hospital, Adeoyo, Ring Road, Ibadan, while the injured were taken to Ibadan Central Hospital for prompt medical attention.

The police command in Yobe also confirmed the death of 10 persons, while three others sustained injuries in an acci-

dent that occurred on the Damaturu-Maiduguri road.

Spokesman for the command, SP Dungus Abdulkarim, stated this in an interview with the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* in Damaturu, Yobe State on Tuesday.

He said the incident occurred at a security checkpoint in Warsala town at 10:00a.m. on Tuesday, when a truck loaded with cement and passengers hit a car before it plunged into a ditch.

Abdulkarim said of the 13 passengers in the trailer, 10 died instantly, while three sustained injuries.

He said the injured had been conveyed to the Specialist Hospital, Damaturu for treatment.

The police spokesman said investigation revealed that the truck lost control and rammed a car at the checkpoint.