

18 burnt to death in Abeokuta-Sagamu expressway accident

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EIGHTEEN people were, on Tuesday afternoon, burnt to death in a lone accident that occurred at Buhari Estate, Kobape, on the Abeokuta-Sagamu expressway in Ogun State.

According to the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Public Education Officer, Florence Okpe, the accident occurred at about 1:00pm and involved a commercial bus with registration number KJA 949 YJ.

Okpe attributed a gas explosion as the cause of the inci-

dent, adding that 21 passengers were on board the bus.

She explained that three persons survived the accident but sustained injuries, while 18 others, whose genders could not be ascertained, were burnt to death.

Those injured were said to have been taken to the Federal

Medical Centre, Idi Aba, Abeokuta, for treatment.

Okpe said the sector commander, Akinwunmi Fasakin, was part of the rescue operation and lamented that the incident could have been avoided if the driver had objected in transporting the cylinder filled with gas.